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Lorry drivers' campaign leader issues stark warning to No 10 over rise in diesel prices

LORRY drivers protesting against rising fuel costs enjoyed "massive public support" as they took their fight to the Prime Minister's doorstep.

About 500 lorries from across the UK converged on Downing Street yesterday to hand a letter to Gordon Brown.

Peter Knight of Les Knight Transport at Oare helped organise the event, the largest fuel duty protest the capital has ever seen.

He said: "Last week we saw a five pence increase in a litre of fuel. It's

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

something we are not going to accept any more. It's driving hauliers out of business."

Yourswale spoke to fellow Kent organiser Peter Carroll, of Larkfield-based hauliers Seymour Transport, as he waited for the drivers' representatives to emerge from No 10.

He said: "All we're asking for is a meeting to assess the rebate, which we feel is certainly a request Mr Brown can grant.

"I don't want it to go as far as a blockade. We are trying not to go down

that route. It will only be in sheer desperation that that will happen.

"If we have to go down that route it will be a source of great regret for everybody."

The Kent convoy of around 100 trucks left Farthing Corner service station on the M2 at Gillingham at 7.15am on Tuesday to join hundreds of other drivers from across the country.

The Freight Transport Association, which represents companies operating more than 220,000 lorries, has thrown its weight behind the protesters. The price of a litre of diesel has now soared past £1.20.



ON THE ROAD AGAIN TO SEE MR BROWN

Truckers heading for London on the M2 backing yesterday's fuel protest demanding HGV drivers the right to claim some fuel duty back. They argue UK tax levels make them uncompetitive when compared with European drivers.

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Swale hopes to reel in film festival lovers

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THE first Swale Film Festival will take place this summer – featuring new and classic movies, workshops and talks by those in the industry.

Aspiring directors and documentary makers also have the opportunity to enter a competition to showcase their talent.

The news comes as the main cinema in Sittingbourne High Street, the New Century, is under threat of closure.

The festival is the brainchild of a number of residents who have connections to the film and television industry, including Ken Rowles, who has more than 40 years' experience in the field, much of it based in Kent.

Mr Rowles, 63, of Sittingbourne, hopes the festival will encourage young, would-be filmmakers to realise their potential and attract those interested in cinema and the community to go along.

Speaking about changes in the industry, he said: "There's a wonderful life to be had in film and TV, but it's tough."

Mr Rowles has produced and directed a number of films and TV programmes, including 70s' flicks such as *Venom*, and *The Ups and Downs* of a Handyman.

He first started as a runner at Merton Park Studios near Wimbledon, then becoming an assistant film editor and producer, before moving to Swale in 1970.

Having already hosted workshops and given talks at the Kent International and Folkestone Film festivals, it seemed only logical to start something similar in Swale.

Some of the films to be shown include those Mr Rowles has been involved with and have a connection



BRAINCHILD: Ken Rowles is one of the people organising the inaugural Swale Film Festival

with the county.

Examples include a 1950s' film *Raising a Riot*, directed by Kenneth More, where some scenes were filmed in Conyer.

More modern examples include *Greetings*, shot on location in Hythe. Director Kenneth Colley will be among the speakers giving presentations at the festival.

Others scheduled to appear and give an insight into movie world include actress Nicola Stuart, who lives in Ramsgate, and young up-and-coming director Daniel Cormack, whose films have been shortlisted for several awards.

This year's Swale film competition is open to those aged 11-16 and 17-23 for individuals, schools or colleges. The theme is Mime and the closing date is June 14.

Swale Film Festival runs from July 10-12 with screenings held at the Avenue Theatre in Sittingbourne and Screen on Sheppey.

For more information go to www.swalefilmfestival.org.uk.

yourswale NEWS IN BRIEF

Bonfire spark starts farm machine blaze

FIRE crews were called to a farm behind Lynsted School on Friday after machinery caught fire.

Staff at the school, whose grounds back on to farm, alerted the emergency services. Crews from Sittingbourne and Faversham took an hour and a half to extinguish the blaze. No one was injured.

The machine was used to separate dirt, stones and rubble. Crew manager Matt Barney said a spark from a nearby bonfire set light to the rubber of the machine's conveyor belt.

'Poll tax' returns at medieval fun day

FAVERSHAM Medieval Fayre promises to be bigger and better than ever this year, with everything from juggling jesters to stalls hawking goods from a bygone age.

The event is on Sunday, June 29, from 10.30am, in the Market Place.

Attractions include sideshows, street entertainers, a children's fancy dress competition and treasure hunt and the stocks and pillory.

There is no admission fee but 'poll tax collectors' will circulate during the day, with all contributions going to charity.

Take a walk on the educational side

WALK information packs designed for schools and incorporating lessons are now available from the Faversham Enterprise Partnership.

It has produced a short field trip version of each of the four walks which were launched earlier this year for tourists.

Most follow either footpaths or quiet country lanes so are safe for children. A list of the core subjects covered on each walk is highlighted in the resource sheet.

The field trips are activity-based and link into Key Stage 2 of the National Curriculum. To find out more, visit www.faversham.org.

Barge history talk

A HISTORY of the town's barges is the latest subject to be heard at the Sittingbourne Society.

Richard Calvert will give a talk called the Heyday of Sittingbourne's Barge Heritage. Entry is free to members, £1 to non-members.

The talk is on Monday, June 16, in the Ypres Room of the Swallows Centre, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, starting at 8pm.

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Uncertain future for tourist steam railway

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THE future of Sittingbourne's historic steam railway is under threat from the proposed regeneration of the town centre.

The council's area action plan, if implemented, could see the century-old service discontinued unless it is included in the public consultation.

Supporters of the railway, which first opened in 1905, are being urged to comment on the proposals via the council's website before the deadline of June 20.

Tony James, general manager of the Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway, told Yoursrale they had been consistently overlooked by those heading the redevelopment.

He said: "The private consultants were at the exhibition but they couldn't tell you very much. They seem to know nothing about the town."

Mr James said he was assured by the council that he would be consulted, but is disappointed he was not invited to a meeting for businesses and others interested in the development last week at Wyvern Hall.

In its leaflet Challenges and opportunities for Sittingbourne town centre, no mention is made of the railway or heritage, something that Mr James believes is a major omission.

The light railway is the largest tourist attraction in Swale, with an estimated 700,000 visitors during the last 40 years since it opened to the public.

The uncertainty over its future has not been helped by the recent closure of Sittingbourne Paper Mill, upon whose land the track lies and which is for sale.

Mr James says the decision is a "double whammy" and that the owners, M-Real, gave them notice to quit effective from January 29



WORRY: Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway has not been included in the action plan for the town and the land is for sale

unless a compromise can be found.

Ian Lewis, the council's project manager, said: "As part of the ongoing master planning process, Swale council and its consultants will be meeting with the organisation to understand their aspirations and its role within a regenerated Sittingbourne.

"We understand that the landowner is giving the light railway the opportunity to buy the

land over which it runs."

Mr James said they could not afford to buy the land themselves.

He said: "In a perfect world the owners would simply give us the land on which we run, or lease it to us at a peppercorn rate.

"They might not even sell for another five years, so we don't know whether we are coming or going."

Help tidy up the Creek's east bank

WARDENS need help with a tidy-up of the east bank of Faversham Creek, from Iron Wharf to Nagden, on Saturday.

They are looking for volunteers to repeat last month's successful clean-up in which 25 people took part. Forty bags of rubbish, together with three bicycles and a television set, were collected from the west bank.

Mike Ivatt, the wardens' co-ordinator, said: "Most of the rubbish is just normal litter or has arrived on the tide, but, as usual, I am sure we will find a few surprises.

"Last month we had 25 volunteers. It would be nice to get a few more this time as we are hoping to cover a larger area. People can do as much or as little as they want.

"Over the last two years we have removed tons of rubbish from the Creek. The work is very satisfying and has a direct impact on the town, making it a nicer place."

Volunteers are asked to meet at 10am at the metal bridge north of Iron Wharf Boatyard, which can be reached on foot via Abbey Street.

Gloves, litter-pickers, rubbish sacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 07786 266739.

Drink-drive decision costs electrician his licence for a year

A DRUNKEN decision to move his car has cost a Faversham man his driving licence.

Chris Williams clipped the door mirror of a parked car when he went to move his vehicle to the rear of a friend's home.

But he was assaulted by the irate owner and eventually charged with drink driving after failing to provide a breath specimen for police.

The 21-year-old electrical engineer, of Newton Road, appeared before Canterbury magistrates last week.

He admitted failing to provide a specimen of breath and was banned from driving for a year.

Julie Farbrace, prosecuting, said police were called to a collision in North Lane, Canterbury, on April 20.

She said: "Officers were called to a traffic accident and were flagged down by a man.

"They saw a blue Ford Focus in the middle of the road. He admitted he was the driver and said he had had too much to drink.

"His speech was slurred. He was

taken to the police station but the intoximeter was faulty, so he was transferred to Sittingbourne.

"He failed to blow into the machine there and was arrested for not providing a specimen when requested."

Kerry Waitt, defending, said Williams was staying with friends when a parking space to the rear of their flat became available.

He said: "He decided to drive and clipped another car's mirror. The owner came out and there was an altercation which resulted in cuts and abrasions to his face.

"He was foolish, but when asked for a specimen he was aggrieved and upset at being assaulted."

Williams was also fined £200 and ordered to pay £60 costs and a £15 victim surcharge. Mr Waitt said Williams, who works for Pfizer in Sandwich, would have difficulty getting to work.

He said: "He admits he was wrong and will have to leave early in the morning to ensure he is at work on time."

Lorry driver banned twice

A LORRY driver has been banned from driving for three years after being twice over the alcohol limit in six weeks.

Andrew Seager, 28, of The Street, Oare, was stopped driving a DAF truck in Whitstable on March 30. He was also in possession of a gramme of cocaine.

He was allowed to take a blood test and continue driving while waiting for the result, as the intoximeter machine at Canterbury police station was not working.

Seager was then stopped again in Sittingbourne on April 27 and banned from driving for two years the following day at the town's magistrates' court for failing to provide a specimen of breath.

Last week he was back in court for the first arrest and escaped with a total of three years off the road.

Normally a second offence would attract a three-year ban on top of the two he was serving, but he escaped this as the offence pre-dated his sentence.

Seager was fined £100 for possessing the cocaine.

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Cannabis finds double in county

THE number of cannabis plants seized has more than doubled in the last 12 months, according to police.

In 2006/07, fewer than 4,000 plants were found during police raids, but in the last year the figure rose to 8,350.

The figures are a huge increase on the number found four years ago, when just 735 plants were seized.

Last week police raided two addresses in one street in Ramsgate. Officers discovered about 200 plants in the first raid and more than 100 in the second.

Police said 32 cannabis factories were closed across the county last year.

But Martin Barnes of DrugScope, a group which analyses the impact of illegal substances, has queried police tactics and their effectiveness.

He said: "I don't think these sort of raids are going to get cannabis off the streets. There's no evidence they are impacting on availability."

Could you adopt a homeless pet?

PET Adoption Week starts on Saturday, June 7, and RSPCA centres will be open for people who want to give an animal a good home.

TV presenter Kate Humble, who fronts BBC's Animal Park, is encouraging anyone looking for a new pet to pay a visit to one of the charity's centres during the open days which run until Sunday, June 15. Kate recently adopted Badger, a crossbreed terrier.

For an information pack about adopting an animal from the RSPCA, call the PAW phoneline on 0300 123 8484 or find out more at www.rspca.org.uk/paw.

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 Bees colonies are being wiped out over night by mystery disease

Seahorse discovered in waters off Kent coast

■ BY NICK AMES

A SEAHORSE has been discovered off the county's Channel coast for the first time.

The creature was discovered in Shakespeare Bay, close to Dover harbour, at a depth of about 15 metres.

Seahorses have reportedly been washed up on the shoreline before but this is the first time one has been officially sighted and filmed.

Two volunteer divers, Brian Stockwell and Ian Barrie, made the discovery.

The creature was about three inches long and was identified as a short-snouted seahorse – scientific name Hippocampus hippocampus.

A creature of the same species has been seen in the Thames estuary in recent weeks.

Bryony Chapman is a diver and marine officer for Kent Wildlife Trust, which oversees the national Seasearch programme, set up to document undersea life.

She said: "We have had very occasional reports of seahorses washed up around the Kent coast, but we believe this is the first sighting and the first film of these elusive creatures



RARE: Short-snout seahorse, filmed by Diver Brian Stockwell and Ian Barrie off Shakespeare Bay, above right

in their natural environment in this area. The team is very excited."

Seahorses are classified as fish, despite their unusual appearance. They normally inhabit warm waters and favourite haunts include coral reefs and mangrove shores.

In a breeding pair it is the male which becomes pregnant. They are threatened primarily due to loss of habitat, but about 35 species have been catalogued.

The smallest is the pygmy seahorse, which is about a quarter of an inch long, while the

Pacific seahorse can grow to about one foot in length. Seahorses feed on small crustaceans and fish, relying on camouflage both to avoid predators and catch their prey.

The creatures are also under threat because of the beliefs in traditional Chinese medicine that their skin and organs can be used to treat throat infections and heart disease.

The Government has recently announced that both short-snouted and spiny seahorses are to be protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

BUSY FIRST MONTH FOR FLYING COPS



The new police helicopter was used for 25 hours in operations across the county during its first month in action.

The aircraft is jointly operated by Kent police and their colleagues in Essex and is available to either force up to 20 hours a day, seven days a week.

One of its first jobs was in Halsted, Medway, searching for burglary suspects, and it was also used during a Gillingham FC match, where arrests were made.

The crew also gathered photographic evidence of cannabis plants in Ashford and six people were arrested in April when it directed officers on the ground to an illegal hare course meeting.

Ann Barnes, chairman of the Kent Police Authority, said she was pleased the helicopter was proving its worth.

"This extra tool will play a significant role in the coming years and bring big benefits to taxpayers on both sides of the Thames," she said.

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Relief for parents as 11-plus exam gets moved to September

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Kent Test is being moved to September to allow parents to apply for secondary schools knowing if their child has passed the exam or not.

The test, the 11-plus, is instrumental in deciding what sort of education is best for a child.

Until now primary school children have sat the exam in January, with parents getting the result four weeks later, by which time they have already had to apply for schools.

But the change is designed to allow them to select grammar or comprehensive schools knowing the result.

Ed Balls, Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families, is behind the move, which came after consultations between Kent County Council and parents' groups.

Parents need to register their child for the test between June 2 and July 11 this year.

Kent Test registration forms will be sent to every primary school in the county, and neighbouring authorities and schools will be provided with information to issue to their parents.

The forms can be downloaded from KCC's

admissions website – www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

Testing will take place on September 18-19 for children resident in Kent and for out-of-county pupils the following day.

Parents will be notified of the assessment decision on October 21 and they will have until November 7 to complete the Secondary Common Application Form online or return a hard copy to their child's primary school.

Mark Dance, KCC cabinet member for education operations, resources and skills said: "I welcome the decision by the Secretary of State.

"We put forward the change of date from January to September so that parents can use their choices wisely and not have to gamble on a grammar or comprehensive place.

"I appreciate the concerns of some families about testing earlier in the new school year, and I would like to reassure those that the tests are standardised against a national sample and results will take account of the child's age at the time of testing.

"Parents would be wise to make every effort to visit a variety of schools to ensure they are able to make an informed choice for their preferred schools before November 7, 2008."

Families across the county were asked for their views on moving the date and the majority voted in favour of earlier testing.

WW2 torpedo boat visits Deal

DEAL played host to one of the most significant ships of World War Two last week when MTB 102 paid a visit.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bling lovers warned of new police campaign

POLICE have launched a "Too much bling? Give us a ring!" campaign to target people living on the proceeds of crime.

It calls for people suspicious of someone's living standards and lack of obvious income to contact them.

Launching the campaign at Kent police headquarters in Maidstone, Chief Constable Michael Fuller said: "This campaign is an excellent example of the effective partnership between Kent police and Crimestoppers.

"Working together in this way helps us carry the fight against crime into the heart of our communities.

"The 'Too much bling? Give us a ring!' campaign targets those who live far in excess of their income through the proceeds of crime.

"We are determined to show these criminals who think they are untouchable that they are totally wrong."

Officers have also placed financial investigators at each of the six police districts in the county.

More potholes filled as harsh winter struck

ROAD workers repaired more than 11,814 potholes during April – following the harsh winter weather.

This is 1,000 more than highway chiefs estimated they would have to fix, new figures have revealed.

The vast majority of repairs – 8,394 – were the result of reports from residents and highway inspectors.

The rest were done by highway crews repairing potholes on their own initiative.

Drivers who want to report a pothole should go to www.kent.gov.uk/highways or call 08458 247 800.

Little ships honoured

A REMEMBRANCE service was held in Medway on Sunday to mark the 68th anniversary of the evacuation of Dunkirk.

A fleet of the Little Ships used to ferry troops across the Channel during the rescue mission in May 1940 sailed into Chatham docks on Saturday and stayed until Monday.

A Medway council spokeswoman said the visit was to commemorate Operation Dynamo, in which 385,000 British and Allied troops were rescued from German troops.

The flotilla of Little Ships set sail from Sheerness and Ramsgate to cross the Channel.

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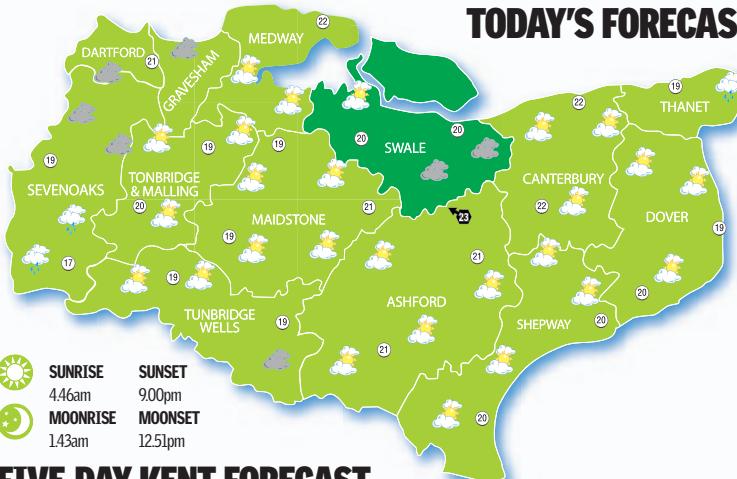


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	Sunday	7:32am	5.6m
Dungeness	Saturday	6:11am	6.1m
	Sunday	7:32am	6.2m
Ramsgate	Saturday	6:57am	4.1m
	Sunday	8:02am	4.2m
Sheerness	Saturday	7:48am	4.9m
	Sunday	8:57am	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	8:04am	4.6m
	Sunday	9:08am	4.7m



JUMP TO IT: Barton's Point track has angered the locals

Race track loses out in engine noise row

QUAD bikes have been banned from a race track after complaints by residents about noise.

Barton's Point coastal park in Sheerness has been engulfed in a row over engine noise since it opened nearly three years ago.

The council's Sheppey Area Forum has now decided quad bikes fall outside the legal definition of a motorcycle and recommended the track be monitored for noise pollution.

Motorcross enthusiasts are still able to ride their bikes around the circuit, intended as a legal and safe alternative for young people to use instead of creating a disturbance on footpaths and riverbanks.

Phil Ham, who runs the track and another circuit in Sittingbourne under licence from the council, feels it has been a positive addition for the community.

He said: 'It used to be a dumping ground, but we brought a professional track builder in and spent £6,000 on bringing it up to standard. It's legal and safe to use, so to have this decision against us is a kick in the teeth after 21 years in this business.'

He added that the new ban will not make a great deal of difference, as quads and motorcross bikes use exactly the same engine and produce the same level of noise.



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Cape Town	24°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	10°C	Tokyo	26°C
Gibraltar	21°C	Vancouver	22°C
Hong Kong	30°C	Warsaw	19°C
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Canterbury	20°C	22°C	20°C	20°C	19°C
Chatham	17°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
Dartford	19°C	22°C	21°C	22°C	23°C
Dover	17°C	19°C	18°C	17°C	17°C
Faversham	17°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
Folkestone	17°C	19°C	18°C	17°C	17°C
Gillingham	17°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
Gravesend	19°C	22°C	21°C	22°C	23°C
Maidstone	19°C	22°C	22°C	23°C	23°C
Ramsgate	20°C	22°C	20°C	20°C	19°C
Rochester	17°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
Sevenoaks	18°C	20°C	19°C	20°C	21°C
Sittingbourne	17°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
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ALAN WILLICOMBE



QA

The new Mayor of Swale Alan Willicombe spoke to **James Alexandre** about his priorities during the coming year, his background growing up in the borough and the relentless demands of the garden.

Q Tell us a little about yourself.

A I was born on March 24, 1945, at Minster Hospital on the Isle of Sheppey. All my education took place on the island and my last school was the secondary modern at Jefferson Road in Sheerness. I left school with no exam passes, not a good example to today's young people.

At the age of 15 I joined the Royal Engineers and spent 25 years serving with them.

In that time I made up for my lack of examination passes at school whilst in the Army. I achieved six O Level GCE passes.

I am married to Jean, your mayoress, she too is a councillor. It's the only way we can spend time together.

Q How did you first get involved in politics?

A I have always been interested in national politics, but like most people, never took much notice of local politics.

That was until the time when I required help from my then local councillors and none was forthcoming, so I decided to stand myself and see if I could get our problem solved. I stood and against the odds I won, and even got the problem solved.

Q What priorities and ambitions do you have in your role as mayor for this year?

A My theme for the year is young people, the promotion of education, the arts and sport.

Young people need recognition for their achievements and as mayor I intend to visit as many schools as I can, to congratulate students on their achievements and to give encouragement in other pursuits, such as the arts and sport. They will have my full backing and support.

To improve our position in the school league tables and have some notable achievements in the arts and sport.

Maybe we will have a young person win an English schools medal in athletics, or perhaps be picked to represent English schools at football.

We have a lot of talented young people here in Swale and we all need to get behind them.

Q Do you believe there is enough political participation in Swale?

A The simple answer to this question is no. It appears that too many people group us with central Government politicians.

Which is a great shame because local politicians are different – they care about where they live and all the decisions they make in council probably affect you more directly than those made in Westminster, so more involvement should be encouraged.

Q What do you hope the council as a whole can achieve this year?

A Again a simple answer, we are one of only a handful of authorities in the country that are debt free, our aim is to provide first class

services and achieve the aims set out in our corporate plan.

Q Do you believe the powers and workings of the council could be improved?

A We are constantly looking at ways of improving and restructuring the council, in fact we have just gone through that process and will no doubt tinker with it again in the near future.

Priorities are always changing; directives coming down from central government have to be incorporated into the way the council provides its services, so the way the council projects itself has to change also.

Q What would you say has been your greatest achievement since becoming a councillor?

A This is probably the most difficult question to answer I think putting a smile back on a resident's face when they thought their problem could not be solved.

Q What do you like to do when you're not working?

A If I get any time to myself, it is spent walking, fishing, playing bowls and, if I really have to, a bit of gardening.

Q Tell us something that people don't tend to know about you.

A I was once Swale schools boxing champion and at the other end of the scale I was head soloist at my local church.

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Solace for Bond fans

Author Ian Fleming would have been 100 years old today but he died on August 12, 1964, in hospital in Canterbury, following a heart attack suffered on Sandwich Golf Course. Most famous as the writer of 12 novels and nine short stories featuring super spy James Bond, he also wrote the children's classic Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. He lived for some time at a house in St Margaret's Bay which he bought from his friend Noel Coward, before moving to Jamaica when the money from the Bond books started flowing.

■ BY NICK AMES

BOND fans can celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of his creator Ian Fleming by visiting the landmarks in Kent which provided the backdrop to his novels.

The author, born 100 years ago today, lived for many years in St Margaret's Bay and used locations across the county for scenes in his cherished secret agent books.

To mark his centenary his fans can embark on their own 007-style adventure exploring the settings James Bond battled villains including Sir Hugo Drax, Goldfinger and Blofeld.

Instead of outer space – as in the film – the White Cliffs of Dover was the base of Drax in Moonraker, while Charing Hill was the scene of a car chase rather than Venice in the movie – where Roger Moore raised an eyebrow in a gondola.

Also in the novel 007 is busy negotiating “the bottlenecks of Ashford and Maidstone” in the only story set entirely in the UK – actually just Kent and London.

Villainous Goldfinger had his base in Thanet in the book – and most famously Bond took him on at golf at Royal St George's near Sandwich.

Fleming kept the description of “the great-



LEGEND LIVES ON: Daniel Craig and Gemma Arterton in the latest Bond film Quantum of Solace



MOST FAMOUS: Ian Fleming lived in a red-tiled house on the cliffs at St Margaret's Bay and he loved to play golf at Royal St George's near Sandwich

est seaside golf course in the world” but for some reason changed its name to Royal St Marks.

The secret agent with a licence to kill arrives in Kent from London “through the

dainty teleworld of Herne Bay” as he has a silent prayer to the US pilots then based at Manston to be careful with their nuclear payloads.

The village of Pett Bottom in east Kent is mentioned as the childhood home of 007 in an obituary written by secret service chief M in You Only Live Twice – when he thinks the agent is dead.

It reads: “.... the youth came under the guardianship of an aunt, since deceased, Miss Charmian Bond, and went to live with her at the quaintly-named hamlet of Pett Bottom near Canterbury in Kent.

“There, in a small cottage hard by the attractive Duck Inn, his aunt, who must have been a most erudite and accomplished lady, completed his education for an English public school....”

The Duck Inn exists and was Fleming's local for a while and he wrote some of You Only Live Twice, which involves ninjas, arch villain Blofeld and a castle of death, while in the pub.

Fleming lived for a time in the village of Bekesbourne nearby but his most famous home in Kent was at St Margaret's Bay, where the red-tiled house he bought from Noel Coward can still be seen half way up a cliff. It is not open to the public.



Vintage book for 100th year

A NEW Bond novel, written in the style of Ian Fleming by top writer Sebastian Faulks, is out today to commemorate the centenary of the 007 creator.

Devil May Care is being hailed as the closest thing to vintage Fleming ever written and is set during the Cold War.

Agent 007 has recently lost his wife and is portrayed as an older man than the central character in classics such as Moonraker or Casino Royale.

He is investigating a series of events surrounding the smuggling of opium in a number of glamorous locations.

Mr Faulks has often spoken of his admiration for Ian Fleming.

“The writing was very clear, swift, journalistic,” he said. “I liked the elegance of the style as well as a certain playfulness – not the heavy camp groaning jokes of the Roger Moore films, but the feeling that Fleming occasionally winks at you and isn't taking it all too seriously.”

“In his house in Jamaica Ian Fleming used to write a thousand words in the morning, then go snorkelling, have a cocktail, lunch on the terrace, more diving, another thousand words in late afternoon, then more Martinis and glamorous women.

“In my house in London I followed this routine exactly, apart from the cocktails, the lunch and the snorkelling.”



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PART TO PLAY: Barrie Collins, director of infection control at West Kent Primary Care Trust, says patients and visitors are part of the fight against superbugs

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

THE head of an NHS trust's team of superbug-busting experts has revealed the priorities for managing killer infections in the primary care setting.

Fighting superbugs such as MRSA and Clostridium difficile in acute hospitals has been widely publicised, especially in the wake of the health watchdog's report into two C diff outbreaks at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

But these healthcare associated infections can also strike in the primary care environment of community hospitals, care homes for the elderly and disabled, GP surgeries and other healthcare centres.

Barrie Collins, West Kent Primary Care Trust's (PCT) director of infection prevention and control, said: "Everyone has a part to play."

"It is not just the professionals but patients themselves and visitors are all a part of the picture in preventing infection."

Techniques

KOS Media's Clean Safe and Healthy campaign has seen the award-winning publishers join forces with the NHS across Kent to promote hand hygiene to help tackle superbugs.

Mr Collins and his team at the PCT have been running a series of roadshows to spread the simple message WASH YOUR HANDS and help people find out more about healthcare associated infections.

More than 200 people turned up to an event in Gravesend and another big crowd was expected at today's show in Dartford.

Mr Collins, who is also director of nursing at the trust, said: "GPs, practice nurses, care homes and community hospitals use standard infection control and prevention techniques.

"The most important is washing hands and



using alcohol gel.

"People should wash them at home, especially before eating and preparing food.

"Check your healthcare professional has washed their hands first, if you've been sick or had diarrhoea do not visit loved ones and follow doctor's instructions about antibiotics."

He said his team at the PCT has been using epidemiology, which is the study of how disease occurs in different groups and why, in order to plan how infections could occur and how to fight them in the future.

This includes surveillance of bugs that are emerging as possible threats, he said.

GRE (glycopeptide-resistant enterococci), which can cause urinary tract, blood stream and wound infections, is among the bacterium Mr Collins is "keeping an eye on".

The number of infections of GRE in the PCT's area remains low but board members are kept up to date monthly on such emerging infections, he said.

Steno (stronotrophomonas maltophilia) is another such infection. In the six months up to March this year Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust reported six cases and a similar number were found at the Maidstone trust.

The bacterium can pose a threat if it sticks to medical equipment, such as catheters, and grows into a biofilm which can enter patient's blood stream or lungs.

Pressure for homes from new migrants

TOWNS in the county will have to squeeze in thousands more homes for migrants in the coming years, according to new figures.

Government predictions say 36,000 people will arrive in the South East needing accommodation each year up to 2029.

The figure covers Kent, Sussex and parts of Essex and was released by the Department of Communities and Local Government.

It is a revised estimate after initial calculations made four years ago were viewed as too low.

Impact

The study also concludes that the South East will be a more likely destination than London for newcomers, as there will be more work available for the unskilled in areas such as agriculture, especially in the summer months.

Sir Andrew Green, of the Migrationwatch group which monitors newcomers to the UK, said: "This underlines the massive impact immigration is having throughout the country.

"The effect of immigration on housing demand is an aspect which the Government does its best to play down."

The figures also predict that one third of new households across the country will be formed by new immigrants.

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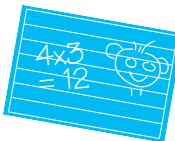
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Youngsters rise to healthy challenge

PUPILS from Minster College were introduced to a healthier lifestyle during a scheme which involved walking to school, eating more fruit and vegetables, and even yoga.

The Health Challenge, part of the Kent Healthy Schools program, invited students and teachers to identify one challenge that would contribute towards improving their health and well-being.

The three challenge areas were healthy eating, feeling good inside and physical activity.

The school provided 1,000 pieces of fruit for pupils to enjoy, helping them cut down on fatty foods and encouraging them to play football or go swimming.

Emotional well-being was catered for, ranging from meditation and yoga to just saying 'good morning' to staff and other pupils.

Minster College was one of six schools in Kent to take part in the project, commissioned by the Food Standards Agency and run by the National Children's Bureau.

Pupils kept journals of the month-long activity and were invited to an event at the University of Greenwich Centre in Kings Hill on May 7.

Paralympic gold medallist Giles Long MBE presented certificates and spoke about how he overcame the difficult challenges in his life, while culinary chef Rob Kurby showed guests how to have fun with food.

Jane Washford, manager for child development at Minster College, said that the challenge was a real success.

"We were fully supported by the FSA and NCB, they gave us excellent lesson plans and information."

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WELL DONE: The youngsters at Hernehill Primary School are thrilled with the results of their recent Ofsted inspection, which calls the school 'friendly whilst professional'

Child development put first in report grading

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

HERNEHILL Primary's positive ethos has shone through in its recent Ofsted inspection – much to the delight of staff and pupils.

The mixed Church of England school, which caters for 206 youngsters aged four to 11, was praised for developing 'exceptionally strong personal skills' and for being 'friendly whilst professional' with the children.

The school received an overall grading of 'good', the second highest category and reflects the consistent level of teaching pupils receive from reception onwards.

The early curriculum is noted in helping the children to learn to make choices, broaden their knowledge and be more independent, reaching above average standards by the end of Year 6.

Older pupils are given the opportunity to

influence decisions about how their classrooms are laid out and in planning for more playground facilities.

All year groups are now full, with results improving faster than at the national level.

The school's focus on English, mathematics and science has been rewarded and looks likely to exceed its own targets for this year.

Pupils' 'outstanding spiritual, moral, social and cultural development' is commented upon by parents, who put it down to the school's 'warm ethos', close links with the church and the varied extra-curricular programme.

Staff members' willingness to learn from best practice elsewhere and carefully plan new approaches is also highlighted.

The report reflects how the school handles its approach towards children with varying abilities and those with learning difficulties.

Its 'People Rule' gives pupils an excellent understanding of their own feelings and the impact of their actions on others.

The report continues: "Adults know children

very well and their needs are assessed quickly. The information is used well to plan an interesting and engaging range of activities so children make good progress."

"Children are sociable and are confident to express themselves in conversations with adults."

By the time children join Year 1, the report says, they are working within national expectations in all areas of learning.

Headteacher Brenda Windsor said she was very pleased with the outcome of the inspection: "We feel that the report is a fair reflection of the school."

"The inspector recognised the positive ethos of Hernehill, something which is always being mentioned about us, and that our emphasis on personal development and well-being was particularly noteworthy."

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Each week we get a mystery writer to air their views on living in Swale...

'Who ate all the paella' just doesn't sound the same ...

WITH no England – or any other home country for that matter – involved in the upcoming Euro 2008 tournament, for fans like me the question is: who to support?

I could go with the team that plays the best football, one with players from my favourite club, or just the one with the smartest kit.

One thing which makes for a fun summer of football is when England face a mighty match-up. This is all down to the support of a team, which is a necessity in football more than any other sport.

So while other countries might be pleased that we aren't there, I'm not.

And to make what could be a very dull tournament into something interesting, I'm going to look at some alternatives to the leading sides.

Who do I start to support and claim in some tenuous fashion to have followed all my footballing life?

Switzerland are co-hosts, so for them to do

well will make for a better championship, and the same is true of Austria.

But they are both so dull. What's the betting 1-1 is the most popular score for the Swiss as they sneak into round two on goal difference?

Portugal are a good side and Cristiano Ronaldo is superb, as he showed last week in the Champions League final in what must be one of the most thrilling matches ever – Chelsea versus Manchester United in Moscow.

But the very fact that he does play for United rules him and his nation out for me.

The Czechs are always a good 'dark horse', as BBC pundit and pretend England fan Alan Hansen would put it as he pushed his trolley around Morrison's. I remember them winning in 1976 and loving it.

Pavel Nedved, a favourite of Pele, is a genius, a star for Juventus ... and now retired from international football. Damn. But they have a great goalkeeper in Petr Cech, and he does play for Chelsea. Which could be a bad thing.

Croatia? They knocked us out and, although we were rubbish, I still hold it against them.

Holland are always a favourite for neutrals, but they always tend to implode in recriminations and moaning.

France. Multicultural and attacking, but the arrogance is beyond belief. Never back a Frenchman at anything – that's my motto and I'm sticking by it.

Italy. Their league is a fix and for all their talent I cannot abide the whining and histrionics. They think they're better than they are (a bit like us, but we've learned our lesson).

"Perennial under-achievers" Spain have a lot to answer for when it comes to paella – who thought of that? – so will not be getting my vote.

And finally Germany. Can an Englishman ever support them? The answer is no. Never.

So there's the solution – I shall support whoever Germany play. Because I fear they might well be good enough to go all the way.

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DAVE SMITH

The Faversham neighbourhood team has a new sergeant in place to deal with residents concerns. He spoke to YoursWale about his new role.



What are differences between your new position and your previous job?

Previously I was supervising a team that responded to emergency and high priority calls. This didn't leave me time to concentrate on specific issues within the community. The new role gives me the opportunity to be proactive in solving quality of life issues.

What issues do you expect to face in Faversham?

The challenges I will encounter will mainly revolve around reducing criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. The team is smaller than my last, but given the extra time to plan proactive operations, we'll certainly make an impact in these areas, reassuring the people of Faversham that it is a safe place to live, work and visit.

Tell us about your career so far.

I have been working for Kent Police for 11 years. I started as a police constable at east Kent in the response section of the force. Since then I have worked at Kent Police College as a trainer and also at Maidstone and Sittingbourne, where I got promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Who else is in the team?

I will be working alongside Inspector Kevin Swinney, who heads the Faversham neighbourhood team. We are assisted by two town centre police constables, five neighbourhood police constables and eight police community support officers.

• You can get in touch with the Faversham neighbourhood team by calling 01795 433004 or emailing faversham.community@kent.pnn.police.uk.

YOUR LETTERS

Don't trust MPs or TV journalists

Politicians at Westminster and locally have taken advantage of taxpayers for too long.

The whiff of hypocrisy permeates the House of Parliament and Portcullis House too.

We need a mass movement by taxpayers to stop political parties from cheating us of economic stability, and therefore social and family stability.

I do not trust more than one or two politicians, anymore than I trust the BBC to give us unbiased news.

It does not even provide us with genuine local news or be as selective as print journalists – perhaps the fact is that busy churnalists rely on regurgitating news agency reports than in engaging with taxpayers who are feeling the pain of becoming Citizen Serfs.

I suggest all forms of government lose their pension privileges and incentive payments.

They must revert to public servant status and stop milking the taxpayer-cash cow. Ditto political parties – now that is un-Orwellian but would it bring us relief and natural justice?

Rita Grootendorst, by email.

Labour are more Tory than Tories

Letter writer Michael Phillips is suffering from Selectivum Bigotaria.

It's a common condition, caused by allowing selective reading to



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form your opinions, coupled with a desire to vote the same as your dad and grandad, plus a total

refusal to discover the truth! If all Tories are "toffs", what does that make all the Labour

Tory mayor will be a total nightmare

Last week your blogger praised the appalling Boris Johnson as a good choice for Mayor of London. Well I think he or she is really naivete. This so-called "soft" will prove an

multi-millionaires, the 'socialist' Michael Meacher with, I think, his eight houses, all the Labour ministers who come from privileged backgrounds and send their children to private schools and the rest of the Labour tribe who are totally unable to relate to 'ordinary' people!

New Labour are credited with being more Tory than the Tories!

God spare us from voters like Michael Phillips, all politicians are taking us for a ride, pitting one against another, so we miss the real problem, them!

Phil Granger, by email.

We need to stop over-exploitation

The main causes for global warming have almost certainly been over-exploitation of the world's resources by an ever expanding human population since the beginning of the last century.

Efforts to reverse the extravagant burning of fossil fuels and reduction of forestry resulting in an increase of CO₂ in our atmosphere must certainly be subject to urgent international control.

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2007 World Champion Kimi Raikkonen was the winner of last years race in his Ferrari, beating the McLaren pairing of Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso. This year Hamilton will be looking to join the elite of British drivers to win in front of the home crowd including Sterling Moss, Jackie Stewart, James Hunt, Nigel Mansell and Damon Hill.

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What we should be urgently looking at are some of the major polluters of our world, consider the thousands of airliners to mention just one example, each spewing out more carbon dioxide daily into the atmosphere than a solitary family car would produce if driven continuously for several years.

Apparently world leaders are not bothered about the real causes of global warming, in spite of a population calculated to more than double before the middle of this century, and the setting aside of valuable farming land to create uneconomical biofuels to compensate for the ever dwindling fossil fuels stocks at the expense of food production, bearing in mind the anticipated increase in population, also beggars belief.

Geoff Graves,
by letter.

ME sufferers need much more support

I'm sorry Susannah has ME and hope she makes a full recovery. I've had severe ME for 20 years. In that time not one penny of government money has been spent on biomedical research despite the World Health Organisation classifying ME as a



neurological illness since 1969.

ME has been proven to be genetic and viral in origin, yet the only treatments offered are the graded exercise and cognitive behaviour therapies that make us worse. We get no physical tests or antivirals.

H Patten,

from Frome in Somerset, comment posted on
web story on www.yourswale.co.uk

Dyslexia factsheet focus on girls

The term dyslexia comes from the Greek for 'difficulty with words'. In my view, dyslexic girls may not be getting "a fair crack of the whip" when it comes to diagnosing their condition.

It is likely that there are many girls whose learning difficulties and dyslexia is not adequately recognised.

The fact that many boys are referred because of reading/literacy difficulties, is likely to be because of the way they express their frustration in an outwardly directed fashion.

This contrasts with girls who tend to internalise their feelings to themselves in class.

I've therefore produced a factsheet about dyslexia in girls.

It is aimed at parents, pupils, teachers and governors – all of whom are likely to read your newspaper.

The Fact Sheet is free and is available from: Dyslexia in Girls Fact Sheet, Appleford School, Shrewton, Nr Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 4HL. Tel: 01980 621020 E-mail: factsheet@appleford.wilts.sch.uk Further information is on the Appleford School website at: www.appleford.wilts.sch.uk

Dr Peter Gardner
Chartered Psychologist

Thanks for getting fruity, it really helped

I am writing to say a big thank to all your readers who took part in this year's Fruity Friday.

While we do not yet have final figures on how much was raised, it is already clear that this year's Fruity Friday was the most successful in the history of the event.

At World Cancer Research Fund, we are so grateful to everyone in the area who took part, whether it was through organising an event or just wearing yellow on the day to support cancer prevention.

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And if you want to make a donation or find out more information, it is not too late. You can call 020 7343 4205 or visit www.wcrf-uk.org

Teresa Nightingale, head of fundraising for
World Cancer Research Fund, by email.

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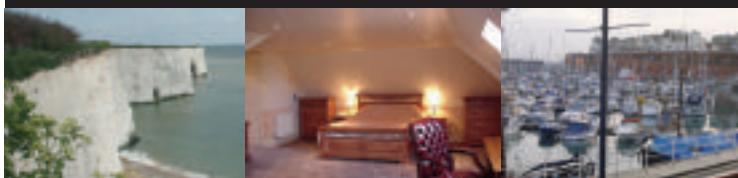
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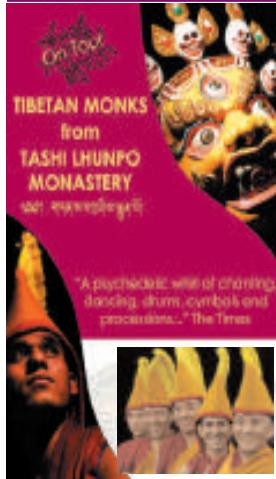
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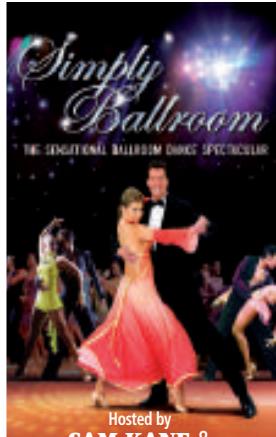
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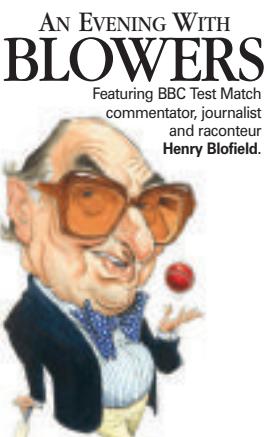


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Paul Daniels joins variety show

MAGIC seems to be enjoying a comeback, but Paul Daniels has little time for the new breed of magicians.

In fact he believes entertainers, such as enigmatic David Blaine, have added very little to the genre.

"It's not different," he said. "There's this myth that if you wear different gear, you're cool. If you go back 45 years, I had long hair and wore black. A new generation grew up and they think they're being different. My mum is wearing shoes she bought 40 years ago and now they're back in fashion."

Having presented his own BBC magic show for 15 years and enjoyed a successful live career to date, Daniels is looking forward to joining the line-up of the Best of British Variety Tour. For him it will be a welcome return to the old days of variety.

"When my aunty was in show business, they would work with lots of different acts," he said. "When this job came in I immediately said 'yes'. Last week I met a few of the other performers and we spent two days laughing. They're all professionals, yet for years on TV we've seen amateurs performing badly and Simon Cowell slagging them off. What's all that about?"

Daniels, 70, certainly started to learn his craft early. He was born in South Bank, Cleveland, and already had the theatre in his blood as his parents owned the local Hippodrome. The discovery of a book about party tricks at the age of 11 introduced him to magic and he never looked back.

Fate intervened when he landed a summer season in Newquay in 1969, resulting in Daniels achieving his childhood dream of becoming a professional magician. He had already established a busy live schedule in the UK and abroad when he was asked to appear on Granada TV, launching his television career.

The Paul Daniels Magic Show became a staple of the BBC's entertainment programming from 1979 to 1994 and also branching out into game shows and children's TV. But old-school variety shows appeared to become unfashionable.

No longer being a primetime television entertainer has advantages, as Daniels has found. These include the freedom to accept long-term contracts abroad and spend his time on stage, where he is most relaxed.

Daniels has however appeared on a number of reality shows including Celebrity Big Brother, The Farm and X Factor, Battle of the Stars, in which Daniels and his wife - 'the lovely Debbie McGee' - were voted off first.

"My job in showbiz is to cover as vast a range of it as I can," he said. "People forget I have to make a living."

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LEE EVANS

Monday, June 30
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With a total of 300,000 tickets available, this current jaunt will be not only be Lee's largest tour to date but will make history by including the first comedy gig at London's O2 Arena.

The manic hyperactive comedian has been a hit with TV audiences but his best work remains on the stage – where his energy and delivery are renowned across the live circuit.



He said: "I'm really keen to get back out on tour again and go all around the country."

"You get such a buzz from the live audience, the reactions are just so immediate and totally spur you on. There's nothing else quite like it."

"Being the first comedian to play at the O2 Arena will be amazing."

"I'm so excited to be able to perform – sure there is a big space to fill but I love a challenge!"

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FUSE FESTIVAL

Saturday May 31 for
two weeks until June 14
Various locations around Medway



STREET performers will hit Medway's high streets on Saturday as the 15-day Fuse Festival gets under way.

A variety of theatre troupes, cabaret acts, dance groups and musicians have been lined up to perform during the extravaganza, which runs until Saturday, June 14.

Festival manager Kate Hazel said this year's Fuse line-up would give young-

sters and adults alike the chance to get more involved than ever. She said: "We will be running as many creative workshops as possible."

"We want to give people the opportunity to get their hands dirty and learn some of the basics behind the performances."

Throughout the festival Medway's open spaces will buzz with the sights and sounds of some of the newest and most unusual performers from across the region.

Community services boss councillor Howard Doe welcomed the festival's return, saying the event's daring and diverse ethos was great for the area.

He said: "The area's recent cultural heritage is rich with great artists, writers and live performers and Medway Council is committed to supporting new and developing creative communities locally, as well as bringing in great acts from outside."

"It all adds up to two weeks of fantastic entertainment for Medway."

Following the success of last year's pricing structure, ticket will be subsidised, with many free events.

LETZ ZEP

Saturday, June 14
Folkestone Leas Cliff Hall



ROCK heavyweights Led Zeppelin continue to be one of the most popular bands around, as their recent reunion show demonstrated.

And for those who couldn't get to the London shows the next best thing is available at Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall.

Letz Zep were once on the receiving end of the ultimate complement from Zep front man Robert Plant, who said in an interview "I walked in, I saw me" when he first saw the tribute band in action. The group were also asked to do a show at the launch of the recent Led Zeppelin compilation cd Mothership.

A spokesman for the band said: "Letz Zep is not an exercise in nostalgia, but a heart rendering shout against mediocrity and forgetfulness, faithfully recreating the sights and sounds of the band at their awesome best."

"From the classics Stairway to Heaven and Rock and Roll to the gentle Going to California and the haunting Kashmir a show by Letz Zep portrays the entire scope of the music of Led Zeppelin – who remain the most influential and iconic rock band of all time."

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Blue jeans band bring country music to life

COUNTRY music ensemble the Forever in Blue Jeans group will take to the stage at Herne Bay's Kings Hall on Saturday May 31.

Named after a Neil Diamond song they cater for nostalgia seekers performing classic songs from previous decades.

Led by Carole Gordon and Bob Newman they have been voted as a top act by the British Country Music Association for three consecutive years.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £15.

Exhibition to celebrate international churches

HOUSES of God is the name of an art exhibition being staged at the Chapter House, Canterbury Cathedral, in aid of the building's restoration fund.

It runs daily until Saturday, June 14, and entry is free, although normal entry charges to the precinct area still apply.

The display features pictures of religious houses big and small from across the world and from different periods of time from Gothic cathedrals to small parish churches.

Choir to be joined by soprano saxophone

TOP choir Cantemus have confirmed they will be appearing at St Paul's Church, Canterbury, on Saturday, June 28, at 7.30pm.

One of the works they will be showcasing is entitled North Ship which features soprano saxophone as well as vocalist. The remainder of the programme will be available on www.cantemus.org.uk when it has been finalised.

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Alex said: "We've gone a stage further than restaurants who use local produce – namely beef and lamb from our own family farm.

"We also use game from our own estate and fish caught by a fisherman who anchors in front of the pub on the estuary."

Best selling dish on the menu at the moment is pheasant casserole, served with herb dumplings, potatoes of the day and seasonal fresh vegetables. It's a good hearty meal and competitively priced at £12.50."

The last celebrity to visit the inn was traveller and comedian Michael Palin, but Alex said it is not unusual to see famous people.

He is also up for dealing with the unusual. "We get lots of customers arriving by boat



and sometimes their rations run short – one asked if he could buy an onion to make a bolognese with" he said.

"The nicest testimonials we receive are from our wedding couples. There is a lot of hard work being a wedding venue so that makes it worth while."

The inn is open Tuesday to Friday 11am-3pm and 6.30pm-11pm, Saturday 11am-11pm and Sunday 11am-6.30pm. It is open seven days a week in the summer holidays.

Guide to a good time

Spice Court

SPICE Court is a premiere restaurant in the Medway area.

Serving delicious and nutritious food, the venue prides itself on not only the quality of its food, but also the friendliness of service.

A spokesman said: "Established in 2001, we specialise in quality contemporary Indian and Bangladeshi cuisine. Spice Court has won many awards, including the Cobra Good Curry Guide."

In addition to our regular clientele, we are always attracting a wide range of customers to sample our comfortable atmosphere, incredible facilities, and great service. Not to mention the food."

Top dishes at the moment include sizzling chicken, made with pieces of chicken, sliced onion, Worcester sauce, peppers and fresh garlic.

Another favourite is Marisa chicken, made with fresh chilli, Taba chicken, garlic herb yoghurt and special spices.

Situated opposite Gillingham railway station, Spice Court is just off Gillingham High Street, meaning customers have ease of access, especially after a hard day shopping or



even just sampling the street market.

The restaurant boasts a modern and trendy setting with both modern British and Indian artwork.

The floor is separated into smoking and non-smoking areas for the comfort of customers.

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Among the titles up for the award are C J Sansom's medieval mystery Sovereign, for £7.99, and Buried by Mark Billingham, for £6.99.

A Tale Etched in Blood and Hard Black Pencil by Christopher Brookmyre is also available for £7.99.

Supermarket stocks great childrens films

TESCO is selling hit children's films for low prices; including Jerry Seinfeld's animated film, The Bee Movie, for £12.

The story of a bee who sues humanity for stealing honey, this DVD comes loaded with extras and will be sure to charm younger viewers.

The adaption of the first part of Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials trilogy, The Golden Compass is £12.75.

And fairytale fans can pick up Disney's latest film, Enchanted, for £12, which sees a typical animated princess transported to modern day New York.

Clothing traders open largest branch in UK

COTTON Traders opened its Whitstable branch last Saturday.

The store at 64 High Street is one of the largest branches in the UK, with approximately 1,000 square feet of shop floor.

The first Cotton Traders branch to open this year and only the 11th of its kind in the UK, the new store will showcase a wide selection of Cotton Traders' current season stock which includes classic pique, authentic rugby shirts, a range of t-shirts and fleeces.

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The Modfather's latest album is like a dream

HMV has a two-disc special edition of the latest album from rock legend Paul Weller available for £12.99.

His ninth studio album, 22 Dreams, is a mix of classic British indie rock which draws on Weller's 30 years experience of song writing.

The album also features guest appearances from Noel Gallagher and Gem Archer, Ocean Colour Scene's Steve Cradock and ex-Blur guitarist Graham Coxon.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

- HOW TO LOOK GOOD NAKED Channel 4, 8pm, Tuesdays
- THE INVISIBLES BBC1, 9pm, Thursday

■ BY TOM BETTS

LIVING with two women is hard.

I can't walk through the living room without tripping over bowls of strange smelling bits of twig and dried plants these days and the fridge is full of green stuff and something called 'hوموس' most of the time.

As well as I deal with these huge hurdles life throws at me, for a telly-obsessive it's really the Tuesday night TV stranglehold by the two women in my life that grates the most.

For Tuesday night is Gok Wan night. My two pheromone-crazed flatmates each get stuck into a bowl of ice cream and titter bewilderingly at everything the body-obsessed presenter says.

A big favourite seems to be his penchant for calling breasts "bangers".

The Gok Wan reign of terror started with the same show that he still fronts, that is How to Look Good Naked.

Currently ruining an hours of men's Tuesday nights across the country, Wan has a dowdy looking woman each week and subjects them to all manner of insults and advice before cutting off most of their hair, dressing them up in whatever he deems worthy and then stripping them naked in front of a crowd of Bluewater shopper types.

It's basically like a issue of Heat magazine shoved up on the screen to fill lifestyle-shaped hole left in the schedules by Trinny and Susannah.

Gok, bespectacled and ready for a few weeks annoying sales assistants everywhere, sets about turning a beast into a man.

It's all very Pygmalion. The man has become to High Street



FASHION GURU: Gok Wan, causing a stir as host of Channel 4's How to Look Good Naked

fashion what Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen is to frilly velvet suits.

Not something I've found exhilarating myself, but lord knows I've tried. I've had to.

Another thing I've tried getting excited about crime serial The Invisibles, but my it's tough.

When the main cast are the kind of nearly men on display here (that fellas from the Gold Blend adverts, thingy-bob from Dalziel and Pascoe, and others) it's hardly surprising.

The Beeb's latest attempt to get middle-aged men engaged in something other than sport is drawing in some good viewing figures though and may become a regular fixture on screens.

Tune-in if you liked the latter series of Auf Weidensein Pet, couple with a bumbling bunch of down-on-their-luck old thieves.

If nothing else it will give you a break from Gok Mania.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

TAKE a flirt's comments with a dose of salt. They are far more harmless than they appear. If you feel as though these remarks border on harassment, put your complaint in writing and hand it to the proper authorities. In situations like this, it's always good to have an official record.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 20)

BEWARE of being too domineering. If someone you love proposes a fun outing, accept immediately. Your ability to abandon work for fun will make a tremendous difference to your relationship. An authority figure may not be very clear about what they need.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOUR idealism is the most attractive thing about you. Refuse to give in when everybody else is ready to abandon ship. Someone you once idealised is getting on your nerves. Maybe this is because you've placed unrealistic expectations on their shoulders. Try to ease up a bit.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

THE terms of an agreement may not be settled for a long while. Save yourself a lot of heartache by putting this issue on the backburner. An old love could try to make their way into your life again. Some fundamental problems remain between the two of you. Resolve them first.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

THIS isn't the best time to make changes to your household. Keep any alterations at the planning stage until next month, when your mind and heart will be working in sync. A recurring dream could tell you to start work on a creative project you abandoned some time ago.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOUR powers of attraction have never been stronger. If you've got your eye on someone special, now is the time to make your move. A forbidding relative may not approve of your flirtatious behaviour. Don't be so quick to dismiss their concerns, it might be worth its weight in gold.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

THIS is not the best time to plan a career move. An attractive position may not be all that it seems. A prominent organisation could try to woo you away from your current employer. Always remember to be gracious when accepting praise. Brushing off compliments can be hurtful.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

BEING with loved ones gives you lots of pleasure. They appreciate your caring, efficient ways, but may not act thankful at first. An older man may disapprove of the way you stick up for an underdog. Turn a deaf ear to his nagging complaints. Following your heart is a good strategy.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IT may be necessary to revise some opinions. This ability to accept change boosts your reputation among former rivals. Thankfully, you've always trusted your head over your heart. Taking the logical path comes naturally. Nagging doubts could prevent you from taking a trip.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

A PROJECT will undergo many changes before it is finished, so be patient. Adopt an air of detachment whenever you're asked to change this job. Pay no attention to an older colleague who thinks you're not giving this assignment the respect it is due.

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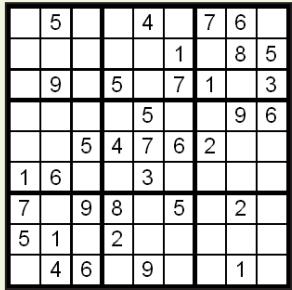
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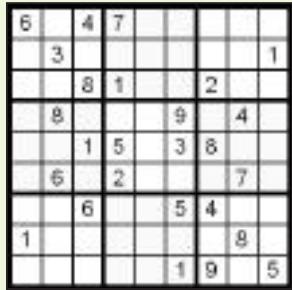
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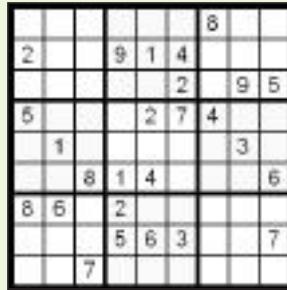
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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- Ready to become ice and preserve food (5-6)
- Dance cut, a puzzle (6)
- It was a wonder the gardens were suspended here (7)
- Made one provided nudie outside came to grief (7)
- Embarrassed with wick that had been shortened by bureaucracy (3,4)
- Weeping, pity it's a shocking thing (6,5)
- Head spinner (3)
- Lady finished in Florida (3)
- Apply weight on office of news gatherer (5,6)
- Lady to tie Alan in knots (7)
- Instrument comes to nothing back on glacial ridge (7)
- Most desirable plot I am cultivating (7)
- Administration of incomplete diet (6)
- Ancestor reprocessed material (11)

DOWN

- Room for public service? (7)
- It is not hard to find it in a chair (7)
- Hardly any iron and tungsten (3)
- Ashamed to be in financial difficulties (11)
- Embraced by last character with ease, say, one in New Testament (7)
- One in factory is flexible (6)
- Not giving enough money to Ray upending explosively (11)
- Meeting-place with TV is an earthed enclosure (8,3)
- Unkempt devils he led astray! (11)
- Part of a vast utensil it is shrewd to have (6)
- Parrot reportedly more than half merry with starch! (7)
- Grievances when gas initially surged out of control (7)
- Lily, boss following Leonard up (7)
- Old bird in a frock! (3)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- Proposals offered as a whole (7,4)
- Vibrate (6)
- Remove protection (7)
- Not matched (7)
- Legal action (7)
- Not long ago (3,5,3)
- Dried grass (3)
- Coal-scuttle (3)
- Of equal duration (11)
- Fairly large (7)
- Sharp bend (7)
- Tailless feline (4,3)
- Showy flower (6)
- Chill food (11)

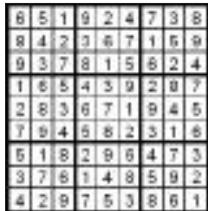
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- Accomplish (7)
- Kind of orange (7)
- Effigy (3)
- Gibberish (6,5)
- Vaulted passage (7)
- Guarantee (6)
- Considerable sum of money (6,5)
- Exactly identical (4,3,4)
- Elect editor (anag.) (3,8)
- Nodding off (6)
- Dressing compartment (7)
- Therein (anag.) (7)
- Impress (7)
- Excavate (3)

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GREAT SCOTS: Idlewild are back to remind music fans south of the border just how good the 1990s indie scene was

"WHATEVER happened to..." is a timeless post-pub game, giving sozzled revellers the chance to bond with equally-inebriated pals over forgotten acts of yesteryear.

The rules are simple – rattle out the three-word intro above before tagging the name of your most-cherished former chart-toppers on the end.

For example: "Whatever happened to Mansun?"

The other players then take it in turns to reminisce, offering gems such as: "Mansun! They were great. I think the singer's now an estate agent", or words to that effect.

With "Whatever happened to..." in mind, I give you news on ex-indie greats Idlewild and

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

Mark Morriss, frontman of pop/rock outfit The Bluetones. Having faded into relative obscurity since their heady '90s highs, both acts have secured headline slots at next month's two-day Sellindge Music Festival.

Scottish rockers Idlewild, famed for hits such as When I Argue I See Shapes, These Wooden Ideas and You Held the World in Your Arms, will play on Saturday, June 7, after performances from The Hair, Marner Brown and Syd Arthur.

Mark Morriss, who penned tracks such as Slight Return, Cut Some Rug and Solomon Bites the Worm, will take to the stage the following night. More than 60 acts will perform at the Hope Farm weekender in Ashford, which



MARK MORRISS: Sunday's headliner

promises an airing for the best in folk, dance, indie and world music. A festival spokesman said: "Sellindge music festival doesn't intend to copy. It doesn't intend to follow. We expect to lead."

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"We spend every working hour to bring you a festival that you'll want to be part of again and again. It always has been and always will be all about the music."

"We hope music fans make it to Hope Farm to what promises to be one rather large weekend."

Tickets cost £20 per day or £40 for the weekend, including camping. Under-12s go free.

For more information visit www.sellindge-musicfestival.co.uk.

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INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (12A)



The most eagerly anticipated film of the summer is a glorious nostalgia trip and delivers adrenaline-pumping thrills interspersed with smart one-liners during the action sequences. But the hocus pocus storyline is both gossamer thin and preposterous. Indy's latest outing is half the film it could have been.

CASSANDRA'S DREAM (12A)



Woody Allen's latest offering is a nightmare, especially for leading men Ewan McGregor and Colin Farrell, who wrestle with hysterically strained London accents, clumsy dialogue, ludicrous plotting and a complete lack of dramatic tension.

CARAMEL (PG)



Deliciously sweet melodrama revolving around Beirut beauty salon Si Belle, which provides a focal point for gossiping local women as they search for love and fulfilment. The film casts a warm glow as the characters take comfort in sisterly solidarity.

'Lucky' Peter finds ideal leading man - himself

■ BY KATE WHITING

DIRECTOR Peter Howitt thinks he's the luckiest man alive – after becoming a father for the second time and releasing a film which he wrote, directed and stars in.

Besides the phenomenal success of his writing and directorial debut *Sliding Doors*, the Manchester-born star is still probably best known in the UK for his turn as Joey Boswell in 80s TV sitcom *Bread*.

In the 20 years since the Liverpool-based series came to an end, he has made the leap from actor to director and worked with a string of Hollywood A-listers, including Gwyneth Paltrow and Pierce Brosnan. But his latest film, *Dangerous Parking*, came about from the need to "give himself a kick up the backside".

"One weekend back in May 2004, I was sitting in my office in Vancouver and I was a bit fed up because a film I'd made, *Laws Of Attraction*, hadn't done very well.

"I wasn't disappointed by that, because it didn't bother me, but I didn't like the fact that it didn't bother me. So I started questioning myself.

"I thought, 'What kind of film-maker are you? Or are you even a film-maker? Are you just the bloke who made *Sliding Doors* and then got to make loads of other films because that put you on a red carpet ride?'"

During this internal dressing down, Howitt spotted a book on his desk called *Dangerous Parking*, by Stuart Browne, which he'd read on the flight from London back to his home in Canada after making *Laws Of Attraction*.

The semi-autobiographical novel follows the exploits of alcoholic independent film-maker Noah Arkwright, who battles his addictions to sex, drugs and alcohol, until his life takes a more tragic turn.

"It's very visceral, moving, anarchic and very real, and it's got my kind of dark, edgy

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humour," he says. "But it's all over the place, like a fragmented memory. There's no chronology to it – it's like a projectile vomit of a life.

"It's a fantastic read, but I didn't think you could make a film out of it. It's too unapologetic and too raw."

He opened the book again and discovered that on the plane he had written 'start here' on page 69. He wrote about 10 pages that day.

Five days later he had an entire screenplay and then, with a positive response from his film-making partner, he began the lengthy process of finding funding, and a cast and crew, to make the movie.

Eventually Howitt had to resort to unorthodox means to get the film made. They sold 'shares' in the film and managed to recruit a crew and cast, including Saffron Burrows and Sean Pertwee, for nothing or a deferred fee.

And then, just weeks before filming, his lead actor dropped out and Howitt found himself standing in as Noah.

He said: "This film rises or falls on who plays Noah, so in the end I played the lead role as well. I guess that was the way it was meant to



BACK TO FRONT: Director Peter Howitt found himself on both sides of the camera in his film *Dangerous Parking* be. I'm more proud of this film than anything I've ever done in my life – apart from creating my two children."

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So much to see and do

BY JEREMY GATES

FOR an old girl in sight of her 60th birthday, the Cornish Belle chugged into Falmouth Harbour at such a lively pace that squawking seagulls wisely kept their distance.

"This is the largest natural bay in the world after Sydney," boomed the commentary.

A £7 return ticket took us on the voyage from the waterside pub at Tolverne – still a place of pilgrimage for Americans because thousands of US troops set sail from here for the Normandy landings in 1944 – and down the drizzly estuary of the Carrick Roads.

The pubs on Falmouth's seafront, I imagine, have changed little since the brave Yanks sailed by.

Then it was back on board for our return to Tolverne – and possibly a cream tea at the Smugglers Cottage, a 15th century inn, with rosettes from both Les Routiers and Egon Ronay, if we felt peckish at the end of the voyage.

With the A30 now dual carriage-way all the way west to Indian Queens, and low-cost flights into



FAMILY ATTRACTIONS: The Lizard is one of the many beautiful spots in Cornwall

Newquay from Manchester, Leeds, Glasgow, Newcastle, Cardiff, and Cork (a new service from Birmingham starts at £16.79p single, plus taxes), Cornwall is nearer than ever before.

Our base for the week was the village of Devoran, just off the A39 south of Truro. The Sail Loft, which probably hummed with skilled craftsmen a century ago, has been converted into a three-bedroom home with a massive living

room/kitchen area at first-floor level, beneath a vaulted ceiling.

The location, at one end of a sleepy village where the only shop opened on Monday afternoons, was perfect for a restful week.

Barely hundred yards away, up a slope which seemed more challenging on the return leg in the dark, was The Old Quay Inn with local ales and home-cooked meals for less than a tenner a head.

In the daylight, climbing the

lanes of Devoran made a perfect stroll in a setting reminiscent of the Welsh valleys.

Within a dozen miles of the village, there's plenty to see and do. Around the corner are the magnificent gardens of Treliwick, 370 acres of parks and woodland, crammed with rhododendrons, hydrangeas and maples.

A few miles north of Devoran is the city of Truro, its splendid 'medieval' cathedral only completed in 1910 – but more ravaged by time than you might expect, because it's made of Bath stone.

As a city, Truro is fun because superstores are kept carefully clear of old streets and alleyways.

The city's choice of restaurants gets better all the time: try locally-sourced venison in Tabbs, the bistro-style Bustopher Jones, recently and lavishly refurbished, and Mannings in the Royal Hotel, owned by Lyn Manning, sister-in-law of late comedian Bernard.

Head south from Devoran and Falmouth becomes the gateway to The Lizard, with an intriguing array of family attractions, including the Flambards Experience, Poldark Mine and Goonhilly Satellite Earth Station Experience.

In a week, or even a fortnight, you're bound to run out of time – because there is so much to see.



Holiday details

The Sail Loft in Devoran, sleeping six, costs from £504 per week in March to £1,224 during the peak season.

Classic Cottages reservations 01326 555555 and www.classic.co.uk

• The Hotel & Extreme Academy, Watergate Bay, offers three-night short breaks with B&B, one dinner at Fifteen Cornwall, one in the hotel and lunch in the Beach hut from £145 per person. Three night self-catering breaks in adjacent apartments start at £190 per unit (no sea view) and £245 (sea view).

Reservations: 01637 860543 and www.watergatebay.co.uk

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PROPERTY NEWS

HIPS do help say leading agents

HOME Information Packs have received the thumbs up from one estate agents which says they speed up transactions.

The packs – detailing all aspects of a property's history and design – were introduced to speed up the home buying and selling process as well as providing consumers with a faster and more cost-effective service.

However, they have been subject to heavy criticism since they were introduced.

But Connells has said that Hips, as they are known, are effective as housing transactions are quicker.

A study by the estate agent, who tracked property sales between 2 August 2007 and 31 March 2008, established that properties with a Hip were sold twelve days faster than those without one.

Roger Wilson of Connells said having the information required for the pack available early means the transaction can start immediately.

"If for any reason the purchaser does pull out, and a new purchaser needs to join a chain of transactions, then they can catch up quickly, which can save time and money," he said.

Orders up but not all reposessions

REPOSSESSION order numbers released recently make alarming reading – but banks and building societies are keen to point out not every statistic represents a householder losing their home.

Instead they say they are always keen to try and help – as it is their interests to keep customers in their homes.

In the first three months of this year there were 27,530 repossession orders issued but not every one of these will represent a home lost.

The figures also include property owners who have negotiated a more comfortable repayment scheme.

In other cases the repossession order can act as a spur to people who have not realised how deep in difficulty they are.

Figures for last year bare this out – of 95,000 repossession orders there were actually a total of 27,100 repossession.

In order to help the Government has pledged that there will be extra guidance from the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Homebuy extension will help first-timers

■ BY NICK AMES

ALL first-time buyers earning less than £60,000 a year are eligible for the Government's shared ownership and shared equity schemes, which allows borrowers to part buy a property.

The Homebuy programme, which was previously only available to people considered to be "key workers", such as nurses and teachers, is intended to support first-time buyers struggling to get on the housing ladder.

The announcement came as Prime Minister Gordon Brown outlined next year's legislative programme in the House of Commons recently.

The Prime Minister also said £200 million would go towards buying new properties either for first-time buyers to purchase through the HomeBuy scheme or for social rent.

About 95,000 people have been helped on to buy a property since Homebuy began in 1997.

However, the schemes have been criticised for their inflexible rules and complex eligibility criteria.

The shared equity scheme, Open Market HomeBuy, allows buyers to take a cheap "equity loan" on part of the property and a conventional mortgage on the rest.

With this scheme, buyers can part-purchase any house instead of being restricted to a housing association's selection.

Homeowners can gradually buy more shares in the property until they buy their house outright.

The news is a bonus for first-time buyers – many of whom have been squeezed out of the mort-



HELP: Open Market Homebuy is open to any first-time buyer who earns less than £60,000 a year – it was previously just for key workers such as teachers and medical staff. Open Market allows buyers to take a cheap equity loan on part of a property

gage market with the changes occurring in recent weeks.

Melanie Bien from broker Savills said: "For the many first-time buyers struggling to raise a deposit, this is very welcome news indeed."

"The big advantage to these schemes is that no deposit is required – in the case of shared equity schemes, the equity loan is

viewed by the lender as the deposit.

"So if you have an equity loan or 'deposit' of 50 per cent, you will have access to the most competitive interest rates for your mortgage."

"This is because rates will be lower if you have a very large deposit."

However, housing charity

Shelter warned that the Government will have to do more if it is serious about tackling the housing problems Britain faces now and in the future.

Adam Sampson from the charity said: "These measures are just a drop in the ocean in tackling Britain's endemic housing crisis.

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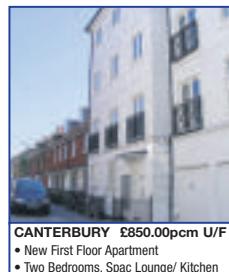
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BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mom, 38, 5'6", likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

SUSSEX-FERL RELATIONSHIP

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WANNA RIDE MY BIKE?

Yolanda, 34, 5ft5, fair hair, blue eyes, hard working. Loves to walk my dog and ride my motorbike. Would you like to join me? Box 892927

THE GENTLE LADY

Easygoing female with GSOH, 36, enjoys many things - going out, staying in, seeking a nice, genuine guy for lots of love and laughter. Box 437913

PRETTY WOMAN WANTS HER RICHARD GERE

Hi I'm 37, 5ft8, mousey long hair, grey eyes. N/S, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactile, N/S possibly romantic! Box 435674

LIFE IS LAUGHTER

Professional 41yr old female, 5'9", dark hair, blue eyes, single mom, happy-go-lucky, into sports, looking for professional, tall male, for laughter and happiness. Box 420077

ON THE WINGS OF LOVE

Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat! Box 895906

COMPLETE

Bubbly female, 41, 5'2", N/S, enjoys being active, likes sports, cinema, interior design, seeks like-minded, male for good times. Box 822703

I'M Yvette

50, separated, blonde hair/blue eyes, 5ft6, brown hair, seeking male for friendship, maybe more. Box 829668

COLD NIGHTS, WARM HEARTS

43yr old, gentle, caring, short brown hair, 5ft4, loves good food, cinema, pubs, cosy nights in, seeking someone special for friendship and more. Box 440675

READY ME!

Lovely single Mum, 38, 5ft4, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTM similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 372889

I'M THE 12

Outgoing, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433017

I'LL BE SEEING YOU

I'm a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out. Seeking a like-minded, upbeat male. Box 890777

FUN-LOVING

attractive female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

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Mum of 1, I'm 5ft4, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH. I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431599

HAPPY TIMES
Friendly, faithful female, 35, nice & attractive, loves reading, poetry and the outdoors. WLTM genuine soul mate, for happy times. Box 165860

HERE TO BE YOURS
Single Mum, 35, own place, loves animals, single in, very down2earth, seeking caring male, looks unimportant, fun-loving personality essential. Box 440671

MADE FOR EACH OTHER?
Mum of three, 36, long blonde hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

OH MANDY
Mandy, 38, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional mum. WLTM honest, romantic N/S man. Box 432639

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Mum of three, 36, long blonde hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

ROMANCE IS ALIVE
Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Box 813930

LOVE TO LOVE
Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 436102

GET IT TOGETHER
Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friend first. Box 899844

KIND IN KENT
Sincere female, quiet, friendly and genuine, 39, 5ft1, looking for friendship, possibly relationship. Likes cosy nights in, restaurants, going out, martial arts. Kent area. Box 901235

MAKE ME LAUGH
41yr old female, small and slim, brown hair, hazel eyes, likes cinema, music, films, animals, days out and snuggling on the sofa, seeking similar male. Box 436102

SOFIA SO GOOD!
46yr old female, 5'2", blonde hair, blue eyes, redhead. Likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTM male to share things with. Box 426682

ROUND TWO
41yr old female, separated with 3 children, medium build, dark hair, seeking a male to share life with again who enjoys socialising, cinema, music and holidays! Box 437639

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ANIMAL LOVER?
Nurse, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5ft8, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, dancing, days out. Box 431557

MOVING ON FROM FRIENDSHIP
Attractive 38y old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friend-ship/relationship. Box 901893

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!
44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, medium build, enjoys cinema, bowling, restaurants, for-eign travel, the beach! seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433855

MOVING ON FROM FRIENDSHIP
Hi I'm 45, 5ft6, largish build, blue eyes, non-smoker/driver, mother of two (daughter 10/son 15), seeking male to share life with, walks, cycling, and more. Box 440692

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!
44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, medium build, enjoys days out, music, films, animals, days out and snuggling on the sofa, seeking similar male. Box 436102

READ ALL ABOUT IT
Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY swimming, travelling, WLTM N/S male to share things with. Box 426682

LOVELY LADY...
53, fit and healthy, single and now for nine years and can't find the right man! If you enjoy sports and live music! Let's chat! Box 899239

ON A PLATE
Caring, honest, 46 yr old female, 5'2", eye of blue, redhead. Likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTM male to share things with. Box 426682

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MOTORS NEWS



Kent dealership part of Daihatsu expansion

DAIHATSU'S expanding sales have inspired the appointment of eight new dealers nationally, including one in Folkestone.

Cheriton Motor House joins the Japanese brand when its UK volume is 32 per cent up on 2007.

Daihatsu says buyers have turned to economy models such as its Materia MPV (pictured), and brand-wide five-year unlimited mileage warranty, when faced with today's higher motoring budgets.

Explaining Cheriton's adoption of Daihatsu, sales manager Dennis Podd said: "Daihatsu has long specialised in economical cars, but we were also attracted by the product quality – all Daihatsus are built in Japan itself – and the fact that the brand is backed by Toyota."



Lose two doors to save with Mazda2

ONE of the top superminis has had a price slash – but it will cost you a couple of doors.

For Mazda has followed its five-door Mazda2, with a line-up of three-door versions from a tempting £7,999 and with 1.3-litre petrol or 1.4 diesel engine – a 1.5 petrol follows in July.

Mazda's commitment to save weight – and fuel – in new generation models means that the latest Mazda2 is 100kg lighter than the previous car and caters for eco-minded buyers unwilling to give up on some style.



More fizz for Ford seven-up stars

FORD'S stylish seven-seat people carriers, the Galaxy (pictured) and S-Max, now have a sporting diesel option.

Both can be ordered with the excellent 175PS(172bhp) 2.2-litre Duratorq TDCi engine, which allows economy and full exploitation of the cars' clever mix of practicality and driver enjoyment.

Both MPVs are also offered with a new 2.0-litre 'flexi-fuel' engine capable of running on any mix of bio-ethanol and petrol in the same fuel tank, thereby lowering emissions and overall carbon footprint.



ADVANCEMENTS: The new i30 is proof that Hyundai is taking its attempt to muscle in on the Ford Focus family hatchback sector far more seriously than in previous years

Hyundai flexes muscles with its 'Korean Focus'

ROAD TEST

HYUNDAI i30

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Fit and finish is excellent at this price (£12,995-£16,595 on the road). The luxury and comfort of the leather seats on our 2.0 CRDi Premium flagship model were an added bonus – you really could be sitting in a more upmarket car – and expensive brand.

Powertrains are good too, though the 2.0-litre turbodiesel of our car is not the pick; I prefer the 1.6 diesel for its mix of refinement, power and economy.

Out on the road though, you realise Hyundai still has work to do; it is one thing to mimic the cosmetics of your rivals, but another to create a chassis to ride well and satisfy the keen driver.

The i30 cruises well, is comfortable and you won't worry about breaking down, but take the cross country route and the i30 is a bit dull; it grips securely, but the body pitches into the bends and the ride is unsettled by poor surfaces.

Can Hyundai follow up with a hot model to prove it can get the chassis sorted if needed? If so, then this Korean heavyweight really can start to worry the likes of VW, Vauxhall and Ford.

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CORSA																				
2001	Y* Corsa Comfort E/T	1.2	5	Aruba blue	62,300	3,295	2005	55 New Zafira Club CDTi	1.9D	5	Panacotta	38,075	9,995							
2002	02* Corsa Sxi	1.2	3	Nepal yellow	55,800	3,995	2005	55 New Zafira Life A/c	1.6	5	Flame red	31,650	8,495							
2002	02* Corsa Comfort Auto	1.4	5	Petrol blue	39,000	4,495	2005	05 Vectra Design Auto	2.2	5	Ultra blue	11,750	7,795							
2004	04 Corsa Energy E/T	1.2	3	Silver lightening	30,600	4,795	2005	05 Vectra Sri	2.2	5	Star silver	30,550	7,850							
2005	54 Corsa Breeze	1.0	3	Black sapphire	30,600	4,995	2007	07 Vectra Design	1.8	5	Star silver	12,650	9,995							
2005	05 Corsa Sxi	1.2	3	Star silver	39,500	5,695	2007	07 Vectra Exclusiv + pack	1.8	5	Pomegranate red	4,675	9,995							
2005	05 Corsa Sxi	1.2	3	Ultra blue	22,000	5,495	OTHER VAUXHALL MODELS													
2007	57 VNew Corsa Club A/c	1.2	3	Star silver	5,950	8,395	2007	07 VX8 Sat Nav	6.0	4	Phantom Black	6,775	32,995							
2007	07 YNew Corsa Club	1.2	3	Ultra blue	6,080	7,995	2007	07 Tigra Exclusiv Red	1.4	5	Metro blue	10,925	11,995							
2007	07 New Corsa Club	1.4	5	Star silver	8,000	8,295	2007	07 Antara SE DTi	2.0D	5	Nickel silver	8,000	20,995							
2007	07 New Corsa Club CDTi	1.3D	5	Black sapphire	4,480	8,495	COMMERCIAL VEHICLES													
2007	57 New Corsa Club Auto	1.4	5	Air blue	11,175	9,795	2007	07 Vivaro	1.9D	White	9,400	£10,150+VAT								
2007	07 New Corsa Sxi	1.4	3	Silver lightening	11,050	8,995	2006	56 Movano	2.5	Silver	3,000	£13,995+VAT								
SIGNUM																				
2003	03*Signum Elegance	2.2	5	Oyster	50,375	5,995	2007	07 Combo	1.3D	White	Delivery	£8,495+VAT								
2003	53 Signum Elegance Auto	2.2	5	Star silver	36,500	6,350	2007	07 Combo	1.3D	White	Delivery	£7,995+VAT								
2004	04 Signum Elite Auto	2.2	5	Black sapphire	22,000	7,995	2007	07 Vivaro	1.9D	White	Delivery	£13,595+VAT								
2004	04 Signum Elegance Auto	2.2	5	Silver	34,850	7,295	2008	08 Vivaro	2.0	White	Delivery	£10,995+VAT								
2007	587 Signum CDTi Exclusiv Nav 19D	5	5	Star silver	9,950	14,995	2008	08 Vivaro	2.0	White	Delivery	£13,250+VAT								
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2004	04 Meriva Lite E/T	1.6	5	Star silver	27,600	5,495	2008	08 Vivaro	2.0	Silver	Delivery	£12,995+VAT								
2007	07 Meriva Energy	1.4	5	Black sapphire	5,750	8,995	2008	08 Vivaro	2.0	Silver	Delivery	£12,995+VAT								
2007	57 Meriva VXR	1.6	5	Arden blue	2,6801	2,495	2006	56 Astravan	1.3	White	9,800	£6,995+VAT								
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2001	Y* Astra Club Estate	1.6	5	Barolo red	36,075	3,495	2003	03*Combo	1.7D	White	68,500	£3,695+VAT								
2003	03* Astra Club	1.6	5	Classic green	42,350	3,995	2007	07 Combo	1.3D	White	13,475	£7,350+VAT								
2003	53 Astra Elegance Estate	2.2	5	Star silver	42,000	4,995	2007	07 Combo	1.3	White	3,400	£7,650+VAT								
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2005	05 New Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.6	3	Ultra blue4	2,000	7,995	2005	55 Vivaro	1.9D	Red	57,500	£10,250+VAT								
2007	07 New Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Panacotta	5,800	9,495	2007	07 Vivaro	1.9	White	12,100	£10,295+VAT								
2007	07 Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.4	3	Black sapphire	11,025	9,495	2007	07 Vivaro	2.5D	Silver	4,275	£14,995+VAT								
2007	57 New Astra Club Estate CDTi	1.3D	5	Panacotta	7,850	12,995	2007	57 Movano	2.0	White	10,300	£12,995+VAT								
2007	57 New Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Panacotta	6,890	9,695	2004	04 Corsa Energy CDTi	1.3D	3	Black sapphire	40,200	5,495							
2007	57 New Astra Energy	1.4	5	Black sapphire	6,690	8,995	2005	55 Corsa Breeze	1.2	3	Silver lightening	20,000	5,695							
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USED CAR ROUND-UP:

OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

CITY CARS

SMALL city cars are in big demand as the global debate heats up and we watch fuel prices soar and Government policies make matters worse. No wonder that we are all rethinking and asking "Just how much car do I really need?" For single users, couples and small families, the answer is something a no-brainer when a small supermini – now popularly known as a city car or urban runabout – can return nearly 60mpg and falls into the lowest road tax bands. Here are three of the cheapest used buys.

CHEVROLET MATIZ



INCH for inch, the Matiz was state-of-the-art in terms of five-door compact city car design when it arrived as a Daewoo in 1998. Early 800cc versions were pretty gutless and rather noisy on the motorway, so go for the 1.0-litre engine if possible. Otherwise, the Matiz is a frugal and well-equipped easily-parked car for local driving and surprisingly spacious and versatile, with a comfortable ride. Aesthetically, the original design is better than the later 'puffed up' facelift version.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

FIAT PANDA



FIAT's Panda donated the chassis and running gear for the Fiat 500 cult car, so there is not much wrong with the oily bits – a fact borne out by reliability surveys. We must not forget that the Panda itself is a former European Car of the Year award winner; it offers five doors, acres of space, cut-price running costs and a decent drive and there are even diesel and 4x4 options – though both of those command a used market premium.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

CITROEN C2



CITROEN'S C2, with its distinctive dropped rear quarter window line and split tailgate, inherited the old Saxo supermini's younger driver fanbase, but plentiful numbers and generous deals on new examples have kept used prices keen. Available only as a three-door – the bigger C3 supplies that demand – the 1.4-litre petrol is the pick of the engines, since the 1.1 can be noisy and sluggish, while the sporty 1.6 GT and VTS versions are not so suited to motoring on a shoestring.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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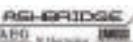
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We are looking for an outgoing, self-motivated, committed person with a good knowledge of drug/alcohol issues, who can demonstrate the ability to work creatively and effectively with young offenders. Previous experience of working with young offenders is essential.

REF: 485 - YOUNG PERSONS' DRUG AND

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Essential Car User Allowance up to £1056

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You need to have good substance misuse knowledge, excellent communication skills, casework skills, and the ability to be creative and innovative. Proven experience of working effectively with young drug and alcohol users is a prerequisite.

For application forms and further information, contact: KCA (UK),

Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT.

Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351,

Email recruitment@kca.org.uk, www.kca.org.uk.

Closing Date: Ref: 483 6th June 2008

Ref: 485 9th June 2008

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Ref: 485 23rd June 2008

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Mid-Kent College is one of the largest providers of Further Education in Kent with ambitious plans to build on its excellent reputation.

We are looking for individuals who will encourage learning for life and enhance our existing teams in the following areas:

Personal Tutor Ref: S01
(Full-time, Part-time & Maternity Cover)

Grade E: £19,736 - £25,441 pro-rata if part-time

We currently have a number of opportunities for full-time and part-time Personal Tutors, including maternity cover. As a Personal Tutor you will plan and deliver a full range of group tutorials to learners with a wide range of abilities. You will be able to work with minimal supervision and have experience of working in a coaching, mentoring or teaching capacity and be willing to undertake an appropriate teaching qualification. When applying please state clearly your preferred role.

Training & Development Co-ordinator Ref: S02
Support Grade E: £19,736 to £25,441

You will be responsible for developing, implementing and maintaining the College's training and development practices and procedures. The successful candidate will have strong analytical communication and report writing skills.

PA to Vice Principal - Curriculum Ref: S03
Support Grade D: £17,861 to £22,907

An opportunity has arisen to support the Vice Principal of Curriculum in the management of the Divisions through the provision of a comprehensive and efficient secretarial/PA service. Excellent typing and organisational skills are essential. The candidate will be able to demonstrate up-to-date knowledge of MS Office applications and have experience of minute taking and diary management.

Experienced Classroom Facilitators Ref: S04
Support Grade B: £17,200 pro rata (fixed point)

As a Classroom Facilitator you will support our mainstream learners with learning difficulties/disabilities on their chosen courses. We are looking to recruit experienced Facilitators to work part-time within our Additional Learning Support team and offer flexible term time hours across our College campuses.

Customer Relationship Management Administrator Ref: S05
Support Grade A: £11,599 to £16,199

We are seeking to recruit an administrator to provide a full administrative service for the Business Development Unit. You will be responsible for producing reports and conducting telemarketing activity. The applicant will be able to demonstrate a good understanding of MS Office applications.



Administration Assistant in Hair & Holistic Therapy Ref: S06
Support Grade A: £11,599 to £16,199

The candidate will be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge of administration procedures and have excellent organisational and IT skills. Due to the nature of the role the successful candidate will be required to work independently and relevant secretarial qualifications would be advantageous.

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the University of Greenwich at Medway

STRAND MANAGER (FIXED TERM)

Ref: 00984/K3

A dynamic individual with energy and tenacity and the capacity to organise and motivate is required to manage the Lifelong Learning Network (LLN) Communications and Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) provision across the network. This will involve close liaison with our coordinators based in the 17 network institutions and with IAG practitioners and intermediaries. A key task will be insuring clear communications to learners, practitioners, intermediaries, employers and stakeholders about the key progression messages of the LLN and the developing higher education offer, both through written and web-based media. You will also be responsible for liaison with Connexions and the LEAs in supporting the development of 14-19 Diplomas.

The LLN is a partnership of five higher education institutions, seven further education colleges and a range of other organisations. If you have good communication and interpersonal skills, a flexible attitude to work, you are a positive and productive team member, and if you are looking for a new challenge – then this might be just the opportunity for you. You will be joining a committed team and a project that is making a real difference. We will be happy to consider secondments.

This post is required to cover a period of maternity leave and is fixed term to 9 January 2009.

Salary £28,290 - £32,795 per annum

OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (FIXED TERM)

Ref: 00983/K3

The Partnership Division works with a range of partners to support widening participation. An enthusiastic and committed individual is sought to plan, develop and deliver a range of current and future access, progression and widening participation initiatives focused around the development of the Medway Campus. You will work closely with local schools, the Kent and Medway Aimhigher Partnership and our Partner Colleges to organise, manage and develop a range of innovative programmes for young people and adults to support widened access to higher education.

You will be a graduate or equivalent and have some experience of teaching or planning and managing learning in a school, further, higher education or community setting. You will have experience in the organisation and management of projects and initiatives and a demonstrable commitment to widening participation and lifelong learning with a minimum of three years experience in an educational context. You should possess excellent communication and organisational skills together with strong team and networking abilities, good IT skills and experience of working with young people and adults.

Flexibility in working arrangements is highly desirable and you will be expected to do some evening and weekend work.

This post is fixed term to July 2011.

Salary £23,002 - £27,466 per annum

We aim to be an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

To obtain further particulars and an application form visit our website www.gre.ac.uk, email: jobs@gre.ac.uk or write to the Personnel Office, University of Greenwich, Avery Hill Road, London, SE9 2UG quoting the job reference. Applications should be returned by 5:00 pm on 6 June 2008.



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Lecturer in Forensic Science

Post Ref: 08/59

7.4 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Higher Education Lecturer in Building Surveying

Post Ref: 07/28

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Post Ref: S/AH

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Post Ref: ECO

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18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

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Post Ref: RC01

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Post Ref: 04/119

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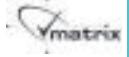
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Maternity Cover (18.5 hours per week)

Lecturer Grade B: £25,092 to £25,092 to £28,719 pro-rata

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(22 hours per week)

Lecturer Grade C: £29,267 to £32,898 pro-rata

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Apprentices have the knowledge to go to top



TALENTED apprentices Michael Hamilton and Daniel Bruce (pictured above) came past 1,000 entrants to scoop first and second prize in an industry competition.

The service technicians, who work for Maidstone-based Iveco Main Dealer Haynes Trucks, took the top two places in the firm's network knowledge finals after sitting a rigorous two-hour examination.

Iveco's customer service director Bob Lowden said: "The event has been running for 17 years and it has evolved into a format that provides a training, information and motivation platform for a wide range of customer service roles.

"The event is highly competitive and a great incentive for our network."

Haynes Trucks also has centres in Ashford and Canterbury.

Accountant puts faith in economy of region

TO cope with expansion, accountant Horwath Clark Whitehill (HCW) has moved to larger offices in Tunbridge Wells.

HCW employs more than 500 staff operating from a national network of offices including in premises at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells.

The Tunbridge Wells office is now in larger premises at Jaeger House in Clanricarde Gardens.

Partner Mark Anderson said: "Although there is doom and gloom in some quarters, we are confident that the South East will continue to be the engine room of the British economy."

The firm has recently recruited a fourth corporate finance partner – Geert Struyven – and further plans are in place for recruitment over the next few months.

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 Savour the tension of the Kent Innovation Challenge

Invest more in staff employers told as many want to move

■ BY **TONY PATEY**

MORE than a quarter of employees in the South East don't have any motivation at work, research has found.

So bosses are being advised to look after their staff more.

Published by Investors in People UK, the organisation that works with companies to improve their productivity, and carried out by YouGov, the research found that 44 per cent of workers are considering taking action and leaving their job in the next 12 months.

Top reasons cited by employees who say they do not feel motivated – there were 27 per cent – were feeling underpaid (21 per cent) unreasonable workload (16 per cent) and lack of clear career path (15 per cent).

Trish Fraser, managing director of Quality South East, which is the Investors in People Centre for the region, said: "Employees, however long they've worked in an organisation, want better support from their managers alongside clear and effective feedback on their performance.

"This support is vital when it comes to mapping out career paths and identifying relevant training and development.

"Without it, employees are likely to drift and depart rather than stay engaged with their organisation's objectives."

Almost half of employees in the region also claim their organisation has failed to continue supporting their career development beyond their initial induction period. And almost a quarter with line managers said they felt unsupported by them.



WORRYING PICTURE: Trish Fraser, managing director of Quality South East, says employees want more support from their managers and clear feedback so they can map out a career path and identify appropriate training

Nationally, the research revealed that those employees who have been in their job for one to two years are most likely to be considering leaving their job.

This group also cited the lack of a clear career path as the most de-motivating factor – greater than workload or pay.

Ms Fraser added: "This research reveals a worrying picture, not only because such a significant proportion of employees in the

South East are de-motivated, but because it suggests that valuable employees may be heading for the door.

"We hope this research will act as a reminder to the region's employers, ensuring they stay alert to the signs of employee demotivation and take action to address it.

"Those that don't are genuinely at risk of losing some valuable talent and, of course, experience."



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An unbeaten start

RODMERSHAM beat Bexleyheath by four wickets on Saturday to keep up their unbeaten start to the season.

Bexleyheath were bowled out for 132 after 39 overs thanks to Nazoomi Azhar's 3-11 and Marc Bond's 3-26.

Four Rodmersham batsmen made more than 20 without going on, but it was enough to get past Bexleyheath's poor total.

Runs were scored by Dave Cogger (29), Marc Bond (27), Neil Hodkinson (25) and Sandeep Rodrigo (22).

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Alan Bracken of the Medway Dragons on the success of the rugby league side

Bapchild bottom as batsmen fail to hit their straps

A BELOW par score of 152 all out was the principal reason Bapchild lost their second game of the season, leaving them rooted at the bottom of Division Five.

Openers Adam Larking (30) and Lee Taylor (44) gave their side a platform but none of the other Bapchild batsmen weighed in with enough runs to make it a competitive score.

Once the two openers were removed, only two other Bapchild batsmen made it into double figures with Ricky Dale scoring ten and Joshua Hunt 13.

Simon Price was the chief destroyer, returning figures of 6-38 off his 15 overs after coming on first change. The

CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

Bapchild bowlers did their best to contain Farnham with Matt Lewis (1-40) and Barry Wood (1-21) keeping it tight.

The home side were in the hunt when they picked up three quick wickets at the top of the innings, but Farnham were indebted to a knock of 41 from Hadleigh Wiles and a patient unbeaten 38 from opener Darren Blake.

Lewis returned to snare Wiles and Alan Hampton bowled Neal Pittman to make it close, but Farnham edged home by five wickets with more than five overs to spare.



HE'S GONE: Bapchild's Alan Hampton is bowled by Graham Cuthbertson

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Bapchild CC - 1st XI v Farnham CC - 1st XI

	Bapchild	Farnham	Runs
Adam Larking	ct Parkinson b Price	30	38
Lee Taylor	ct Wiles b Price	44	15
Neil Fulton	lbw b Price	0	4
Alan Hampton	b Cuthbertson	6	3
Lincoln Bryden	ct Cuthbertson b Price	4	41
Ricky Dale	ct Blake b Cuthbertson	10	9
Leigh Cotrell	b Price	5	9
Matt Lewis	ct Pittman b Price	6	15
Joshua Hunt	b Burns	13	5
Andrew Trigwell	b Burns	9	1
Barry Wood	not out	1	not bat
Extras		23	27
Total		152	156

	Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Sutton	0	7	0	34	0
Rocke	0	7	2	30	0
Price	0	15	6	38	6
Cuthbertson	0	15	5	35	2
Burns	0	1	0	2	2
Joshua Hunt	0	3	1	12	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Gore Court CC - 1st XI
v Beckenham CC - 1st XI

A FIVE-WICKET haul for Adeel Hussain helped Gore Court win a tense game with Beckenham by 19 runs at The Grove. The seam bowler recorded figures of 5-47 to help clean up the tail and ensured Court took maximum points from the clash. Kent batsmen Neil Dexter followed up his 76 in the club's first game with a knock of 83 on Saturday to help Gore Court to an average score of 196 all out. Chris Isles and Leigh Walker put on 84 for the first wicket but then slumped to 180 all out due to Hussain and Chris Piesley's 2-26.

Gore Court

	Runs
Neil Dexter	ct Blake b Owen-Browne
Chris Piesley	ct Blake b Arnel
Steve Marsh	ct Blake b Blake
Kevin Jones	ct and b Blake
Neville Talbot	st Spencer b Goodman
Christian Marsh	b James Goodman
Philip Edwards	b Brent Arnel
Martin McCague	b Brent Arnel
Adeel Hussain	b Brent Arnel
Alex Edwards	not out
Paul Thorburn	lbw b Brent Arnel
Extras (3lb 1w) 4	
Total (all out, 50.5 overs)	196

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Arnel	12.5	0	42	5
Bedbrook	8	2	32	0
Howick	10	2	55	0
Blake	7	1	26	2
Owen-Browne	6	1	19	1
Goodman	7	0	19	2

Beckenham

	Runs
Chris Isles	ct A Edwards b Thorburn
Leigh Walker	ct C Marsh b Hussain
Alex Blake	st Marsh b Piesley
James Goodman	lbw b Piesley
Ollie Waite	run out
Oliver Howick	b Hussain
Richard Bedbrook	lbw b Hussain
Jason Billmoria	ct C Marsh b Adeel Hussain
Alistair Owen-Brown	lbw b Dexter
Duncan Spencer	ct C Marsh b Hussain
Brent Arnel	not out
Extras (6lb 8w 1nb) 22	
Total (all out, 47.1 overs)	180

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Hussain	15	1	47	5
P Edwards	4	1	22	0
A Edwards	2	0	19	0
Dexter	11.1	1	30	1
Thorburn	7	0	29	1
Piesley	8	1	26	2

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

HSBC - 1st XI
v Upchurch - 1st XI

UPCHURCH won their first game in Division Three by four wickets thanks to half centuries for Jim Phillips and Michael Hales junior. HSBC reached 196 for six from their 50 overs thanks to some tight bowling from Daniel Parker (1-24), Tim Mullis (1-32) and Hales junior (2-49). Only captain Alan Slater (69 not out) made a significant enough score for the home side. Phillips hit 53 opening up for Upchurch, while Hales junior scored a stylish 72 to help the away side notch up their first win with 35 overs to spare.

HSBC

	Runs
Sam Perks	ct Little b Parker
Jack Harris	ct Hales jnr b Collins
Richard Golbourn	lbw b Mullis
Stuart Bate	b Holmwood
Alan Slater	not out
Michael Roberts	ct Little b Hales jnr
Gary Potter	ct Headley b Hales jnr
Kushal Shah	not out
Sam Pope	did not bat
Mark Bowles	did not bat
Nicholas Wheddon	did not bat
Extras	(2b 8lb 5w 6nb) 21
Total	(6 wickets, 50 overs) 191

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Parker	8	1	24	1
Holmwood	4	0	25	1
Headley	4	0	16	0
Mullis	10	2	32	1
Hales jnr	15	1	49	2
Collins	9	0	34	1

Upchurch

	Runs
Jim Phillips	st Bowles b Golbourn
Trevor Collis	run out
Chris Etherington	ct Shah b Wheddon
Michael Hales jnr	ct Bowles b Slater
Daniel Parker	run out
Dean Headley	lbw b Alan Slater
Michael Hales	not out
Warren Little	not out
Kevin Collins	did not bat
Tim Mullis	did not bat
Andy Holmwood	did not bat
Extras (2w 1nb) 3	
Total (6 wickets, 46.1 overs)	192

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Bate	11	2	36	0
Pope	8	0	22	0
Shah	6	1	24	0
Wheddon	9	1	41	1
Golbourn	9	0	47	1
Slater	31	0	22	2

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Minster CC - 1st XI
v Catford Wanderers CC - 1st XI

MINSTER suffered their first defeat in the league in a tight clash with Catford Wanderers on Saturday. The visitors were indebted to an unbeaten knock of 92 from Bradley Rose which saw the Wanderers scrape past Minster's total of 199 to win by three wickets with just two balls to spare. Neil Hosken top scored for the islanders with 57 at the top of the order with contributions from Mark Tucker (39), Nathan Nichol (22) and James White (20). Mike Rees was the pick of the bowlers with 3-44 from his 15 overs but it wasn't enough to prevent his team from sliding to defeat.

Minster

	Runs
Neil Hosken	ct Browne b Syed
Andy Hosken	ct Browne b Surajit
Henry Cooper	b Surajit
Mark Tucker	ct Phillips b Syed
Craig O'Donaghue	b Pelpolo
Nathan Nichol	lbw b Marshall
James White	lbw b Marshall
Callum Hughes	st Chea b Pelpolo
Mike Rees	ct Chea b Marshall
George Duggan	ct Marshall b Pelpolo
Martin Hammond	not out
Extras (10b 3lb 5w 1nb) 9	
Total (all out, 49.3 overs)	199

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Surajit	15	5	28	2
Marshall	9.3	0	49	3
Eversley	8	1	31	0
Syed	7	0	46	2
Pelpolo	10	0	35	3

Catford Wanderers

	Runs
Kamran Syed	ct A Hussain b White
Darren Phillips	ct Tucker b White
David Marshall	ct Nichol b Rees
Elmer Browne	st Tucker b Rees
Bradley Rose	not out
Clinton Hibbert	ct A Hussain b Rees
Remi Chea	lbw b Nichol
Larry Surajit	lbw b Nichol
Nanda Pelpolo	not out
Harry (Sivan) Harindran	did not bat
Wesley Eversley	did not bat
Extras (2b 2lb 15w 1nb) 30	
Total (7 wickets, 46.1 overs)	202

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
White	11.4	1	60	2
Nichol	14	8	32	2
Rees	15	2	44	3
Hammond	7	1	52	0
Cooper	2	1	3	0

Macknade

	Runs
Mark Rimmer	ct Streetfield b Rowcroft
Matthew Seager	b Rowcroft
Will Jeffery	ct Abbott b Riddon
Riddon	ct Macin b Cook
Neil Scott	ct Macin b Rowcroft
Adam Crowley	lbw b Darryl Cook
James Fullagar	ct Taylor b Cook
Craig Roxburgh	ct Cook b Streetfield
Steve Merrals	ct Taylor b Cook
Joseph Whitecross	not out
Extras (9b 1w 1nb) 11	
Total (all out, 46.1 overs)	178

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W

Seaside special as Bay throw Norton a lifeline

FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

AFTER months of waiting, Norton Sports have edged a step closer to playing Kent League football as Herne Bay accepted their request to use Winch's Field.

Norton are now just waiting on a response from the Football Association and the Kent League, although it is believed both organisations are happy with the arrangement, before they get confirmation on June 18.

The Kent County League champions have been waiting to learn whether they could ground share with another team after learning their Norton Sports Ground would not be ready in time to host Kent League football.

The club asked for permission to ground share with Sittingbourne, and although the Brickies were accommodating, the Ryman League poured cold water on it as they were unhappy that it would be used by three teams – Bourne, Maidstone and Norton.

Chairman Colin Page also went back to Faversham Town after



COURTESY OF NORTON SPORTS

BIG CHANCE: Norton Sports chairman Colin Page hopes his squad will now get the opportunity to play in the Kent League

having been turned down by the Lilywhites once before, but the answer once again was no.

Now Kent League side Herne Bay have stepped forward and offered Norton a chance, something Page is grateful for.

He told Yourswale: "We are hoping but not counting on things as

we have to wait for the formalities. The Kent League have been very good to us and it was they who put us in contact with Herne Bay.

"Our main aim is to give the squad a chance to play in the Kent League, during which time we can assess what we need to do

with our ground. It's shame we can't play locally as we will not get as much support, but Herne Bay is not too far away for us."

Page said manager Ben Taylor is hoping to keep his current crop of players but is unlikely to be getting many in as the club will not be able to pay any of them.

Town fundraiser should be a classic, says Mason

FOOTBALL

THE FIFTH annual Bob Mason classic will be held at Faversham Golf Club to help raise money for Faversham Town FC.

The classic, which takes place on Friday, July 4, attracts more than 100 golfers at the popular 27-hole event as teams of four contest a nine-hole Texas Scramble followed by an 18-hole Stableford during the afternoon.

The tournament – the Salters Lane outfit's biggest single fundraiser – sees prizes awarded to the first three teams in both morning and afternoon sessions and this year promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Town chairman and tournament namesake Bob Mason is already looking forward to the event.

He said: "The golf day is just a fantastic all-round experience. We always attract a high quality field and I'm sure that this year will be no exception, regardless of who wins – though it's always a fun day for everyone who participates."

This year's event costs £65 per person, £260 for a team of four and includes coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, ploughman's



FORE FORE TWO?: Town chairman Bob Mason is ready for both games

lunch and an evening meal followed by the presentation of the day's awards.

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Giant-killers Gore Court take centenary year cup

HOCKEY

GORE Court capped off their centenary year in style by claiming the Kent Cup in a classic case of David and Goliath.

The Sittingbourne side beat Canterbury 1-0 in a shock cup result as Court play four divisions below their opponents, who were relegated from hockey's Premier Division this season.

After taking an early lead through Doug Reed, Court, who play in Southern Premier 2, were given an opportunity at the beginning of the second half when Canterbury were reduced to nine men.

However, it was Canterbury who had late chances to equalise but Court managed to hang on for a famous win.

At the final whistle, there were scenes of joyous celebration for the squad and the large contingent of travelling supporters as captain Paul Surridge lifted the trophy.

The club's under-16s were also involved in the Kent Cup as they went down 2-1 to Beckenham and Bromley in a closely contested game.



NET GAIN: It has been a fabulous year for Gore Court Hockey Club

Court took a deserved lead midway through the first half with a Jamie Brook short corner.

Fielding county and regional players, Beckenham scored early in the second half after good approach work.

However, Gore Court regrouped and continued with their domination. Ryan Burke yet again controlling the midfield with good support from Lewis Bennett.

Against the run of play, Beckenham and Bromley were awarded a short corner.

Martin Daniels was in outstanding form but was unable to keep out the short corner shot.

Anyone who would like to play for Gore Court juniors should contact Neil Wanstall on 07960 585475.

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Picture ADY KERRY

SAVING FACE: Joe Denly's 149 was a career best knock

Ecstasy and agony for run hero Denly

JOE Denly's heroic 149 on the last day of the county championship clash with Somerset proved in vain as Kent's unbeaten run of six games came to a disappointing end.

The 22-year-old played heroically in a career-best knock to ensure Kent had a chance of overhauling the 270 needed for victory after seeing his team slump to 176-9.

However, Denly put on a stand of 74 with Martin Sagers until the Whitstable youngster was trapped lbw by Charl Willoughby as Kent fell short by an agonising 20 runs.

Kent had been in a dominating position on the first day after dismissing Somerset for 208 on a good track at Tunbridge Wells, after Ryan McLaren recorded figures of 5-31 and Robbie Joseph 4-67.

Despite Martin van Jaarsveld's 95, Kent took only a 65-run lead from their first innings. Former England opening batsman Marcus Trescothick made them pay with a stylish knock of 139 and Ian Blackwell's 61 further dented Kent's chances.

McLaren finished with figures of 3-59 and James Tredwell's three wickets cost 101 as Somerset, who were bottom of the county championship, were eventually all out for 335.

Denly and captain Robert Key set off like a train, putting on 51 for the first wicket. However, Willoughby and Ben Phillips pegged them back to leave Kent on 67-3.

Wickets continued to tumble, but Denly remained patient and scored his first ton of the summer. His 233-ball innings, which included 21 fours and two sixes, was finally ended to earn Somerset their first championship win.

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